



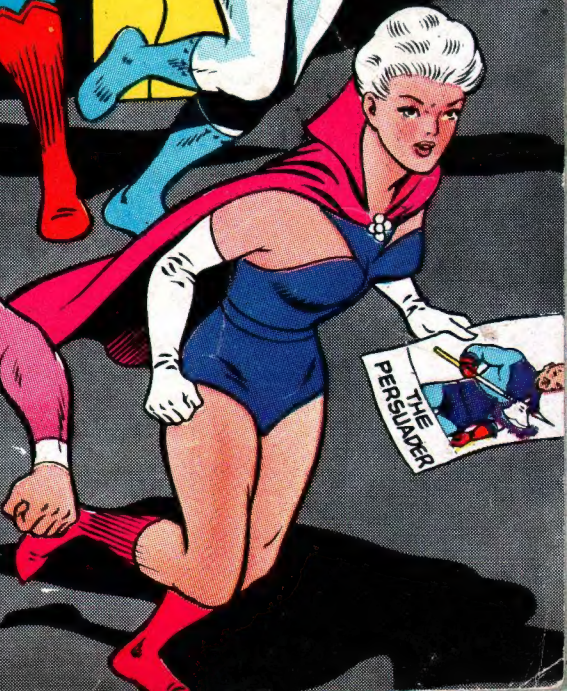
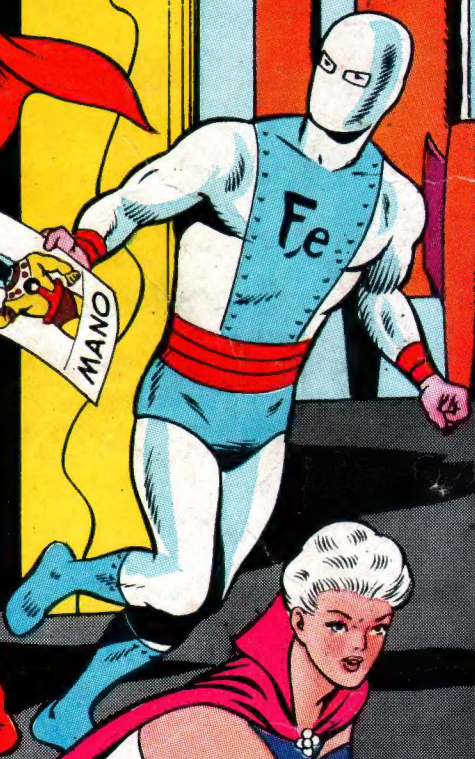
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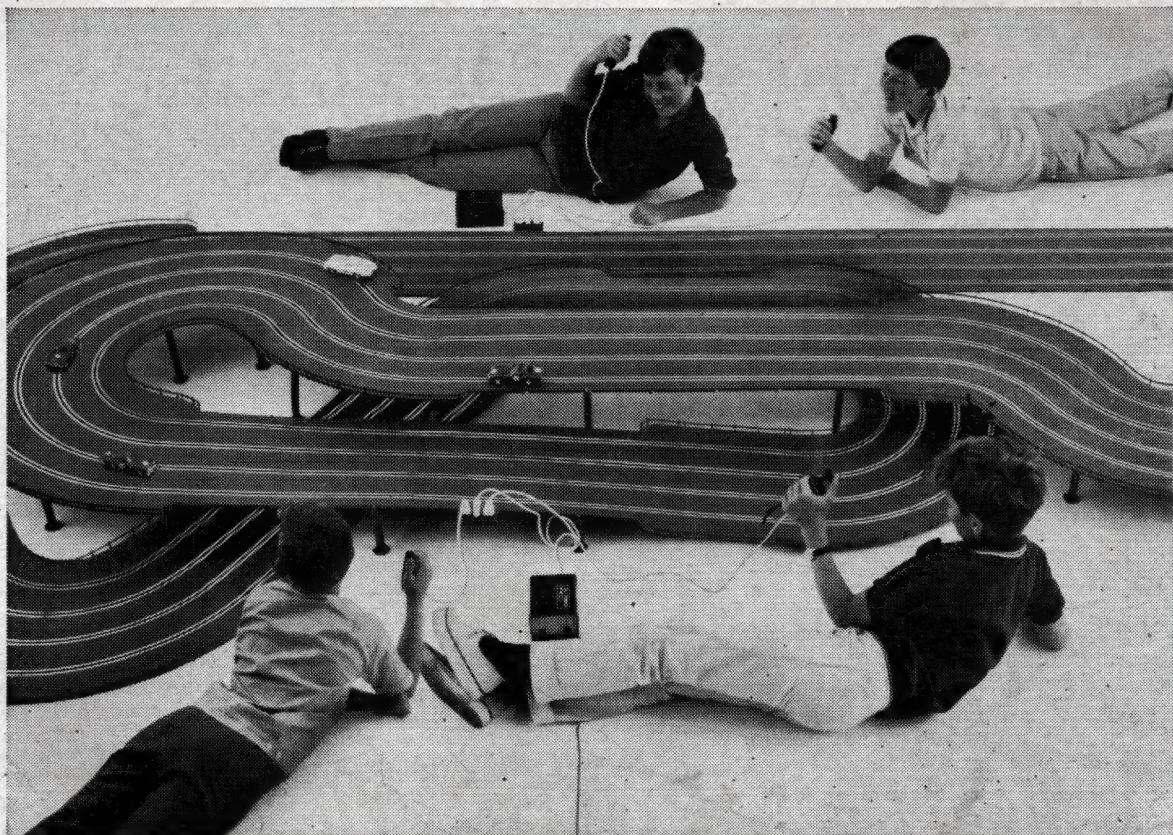
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LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES

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THE GALAXY! **FIND** THE
FATAL FIVE... OR THE
UNIVERSE DIES!





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TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

"The FATAL FIVE!" PART I

MEET THE **FATAL FIVE**...
THE VILEST, MOST POWERFUL
COLLECTION OF VILLAINS IN
THE ANNALS OF TIME... AT
WHOSE VERY MENTION THE
UNIVERSE QUAILS! LOOKS LIKE
A REAL BATTLE ROYAL FOR THE
LEGION, EH? YES... BUT NOT
AGAINST THE **WARLORDS**
OF WICKEDNESS! NO, SIR...
THE **SUPER-HEROES** ARE
TEAMING UP WITH THE
FIVE FIENDS... IN A TEN
MAN STAND...

"TO SAVE A GALAXY!"



Roll Call...
COSMIC BOY
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PRINCESS
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SUN BOY
SUPERBOY

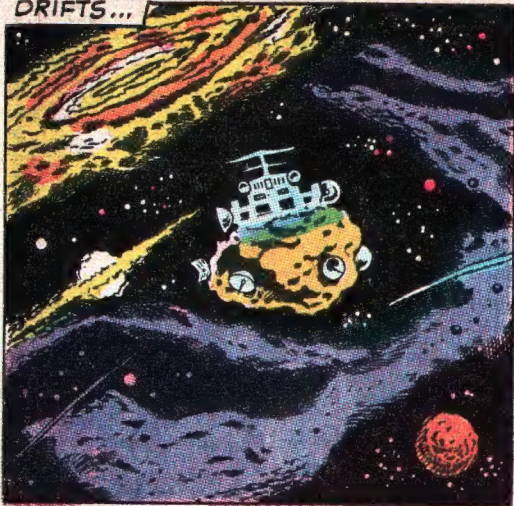
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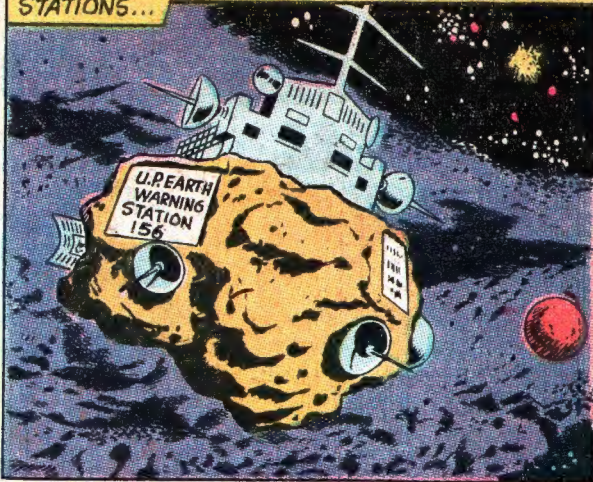
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ON THE OUTERMOST RIM OF THE GALAXY, A SEEMINGLY LIFELESS, ROCKY PLANETOID DRIFTS...



BUT THIS IS **MORE** THAN A MERE FRAGMENT OF SPACE DEBRIS... FOR BUILT ON ITS CRASS IS ONE OF A CHAIN OF **UNITED PLANETS** EARLY WARNING STATIONS...



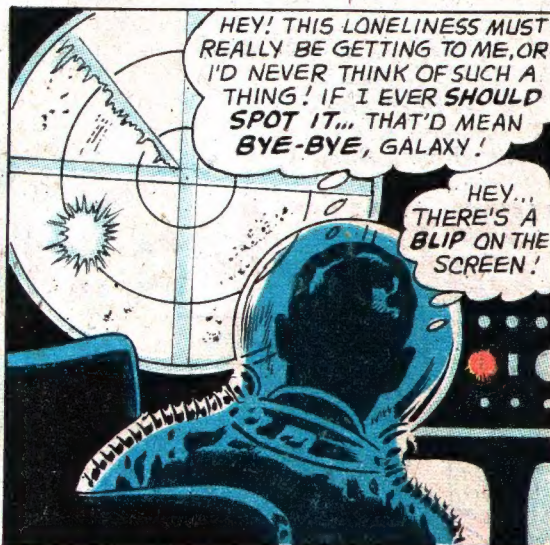
AND INSIDE THE ISOLATED STRUCTURE SITS A VOLUNTEER OFFICER OF THE U.P. EMERGENCY FORCE...

HO-HUM!
IT'S BEEN A LONG,
BORING MONTH!
SOMETIMES I WISH
THE RADAR WOULD
PICK UP **SOMETHING**...
MAYBE EVEN IT...
JUST FOR THE
EXCITEMENT!



HEY! THIS LONELINESS MUST
REALLY BE GETTING TO ME, OR
I'D NEVER THINK OF SUCH A
THING! IF I EVER **SHOULD**
SPOT IT... THAT'D MEAN
BYE-BYE, GALAXY!

HEY...
THERE'S A
BLIP ON THE
SCREEN!



IT CAN'T BE A SHUTTLE
SHIP BRINGING MY
RELIEF YET! THAT'S NOT
DUE FOR SIX HOURS!
I'D BETTER CHECK IT
OUT ON THE MONITOR!



AS THE PICTURE FORMS ON THE SCREEN,
AND ITS EERIE BLUE LIGHT PERVADES THE
DARKENED ROOM...

NO...NO! IT IS REALLY
COMING! THE WHOLE
GALAXY WILL BE **WIPE**
OUT!

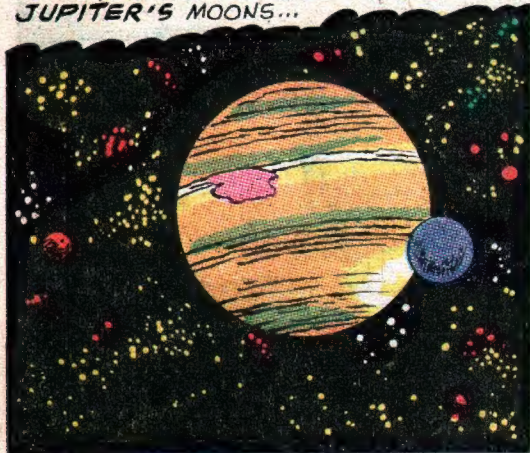


MEANWHILE, AT **LEGION HEADQUARTERS**, ON EARTH, A "ROGUE'S GALLERY" FILM IS BEING VIEWED...



THIS IS THE **PERSUADER**, THE HIGHEST PAID KILLER AND STRONGARM GANGLAND ENFORCER IN THE GALAXY... ALSO NUMBER ONE ON THE **SCIENCE POLICE** LIST OF WANTED EXTORTIONISTS!

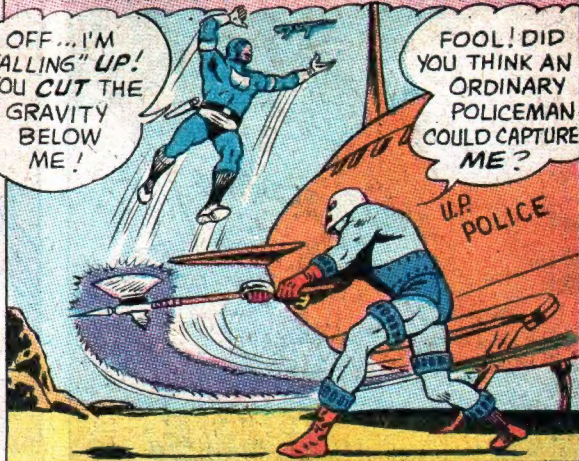
THE **PERSUADER** IS BELIEVED TO HAVE MOVED INTO OUR SOLAR SYSTEM, AND WAS LAST SIGHTED ON **JUPITER**. UNDERWORLD INFORMANTS SAY HE IS PRESENTLY HIDING OUT ON ONE OF **JUPITER'S** MOONS...



THE **PERSUADER** WIELDS AN **ATOMIC AXE** WHICH, BY NUCLEAR EMISSIONS, CAN SLICE THROUGH ANYTHING... INCLUDING **ENERGY**! LINES OF FORCE, MAGNETISM AND GRAVITY CAN BE CUT OFF BY HIS GLOWING BLADE!

OFF... I'M "FALLING" UP! YOU CUT THE GRAVITY BELOW ME!

FOOL! DID YOU THINK AN ORDINARY POLICEMAN COULD CAPTURE ME?



BUT EVEN WITHOUT HIS AXE, THE **PERSUADER** IS A FORMIDABLE FOE...

EVEN THOUGH WE STOLE HIS AXE, WE STILL CAN'T STOP HIM! RUN!

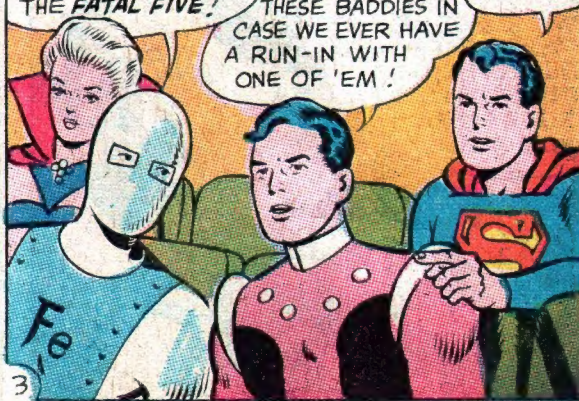
BAH! TEN STEEL VAULTS COULD NOT KEEP ME FROM RECOVERING MY WEAPON!



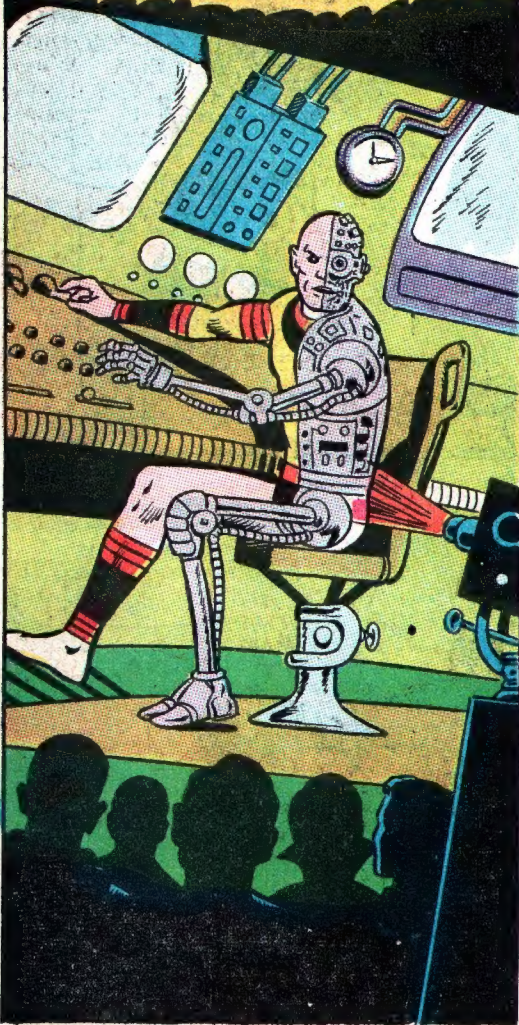
IT WAS NICE OF THE **SCIENCE POLICE** TO SEND US THIS DOCUMENTARY FILM ON THE VILLAINS POPULARLY CALLED THE **FATAL FIVE**!

THIS IS NO HOLLYWOOD PREMIERE, **FERRO LAD**! WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BONE UP ON THESE BADDIES IN CASE WE EVER HAVE A RUN-IN WITH ONE OF 'EM!

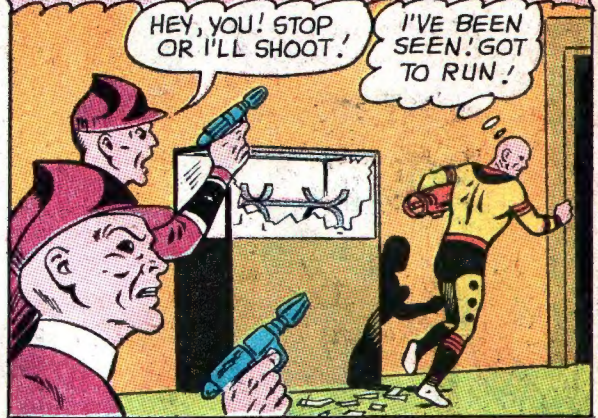
CUT THE COMMENT, **COSMIC BOY**! HERE COMES RAT NO. 2!



THIS IS **THAROK**, HALF HUMAN, HALF ROBOT...SECOND TO NONE WHEN IT COMES TO INVENTING WEAPONS AND MACHINES FOR CRIME!



THAROK ORIGINALLY WAS A SMALL-TIME CROOK OF LOW MENTALITY ON THE PLANET **ZADRON**! IN HOPES OF IMPRESSING A CRIME SYNDICATE INTO LETTING HIM JOIN, HE ATTEMPTED TO STEAL A HEAVILY GUARDED MINIATURE NUCLEAR DEVICE...

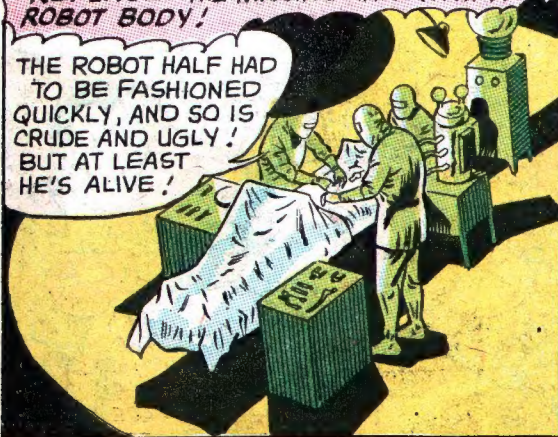


AN OFFICER FIRED! BUT INSTEAD OF HITTING **THAROK**, HIS BULLET STRUCK THE **N-BOMB**! THE DEVICE WENT OFF, LITERALLY ATOMIZING THE LEFT SIDE OF **THAROK'S** BODY!

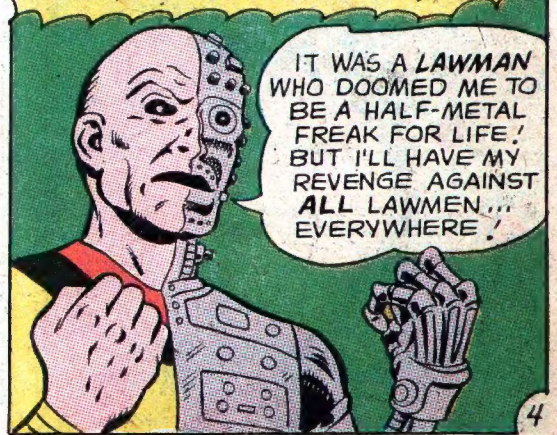


BECAUSE THE **ZADRONIANS** DO NOT BELIEVE IN TAKING LIFE, THEY USED THEIR ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC TECHNIQUES TO KEEP THE REMAINDER OF **THAROK'S** BODY ALIVE UNTIL THEY COULD REPLACE THE MISSING HALF WITH A ROBOT BODY!

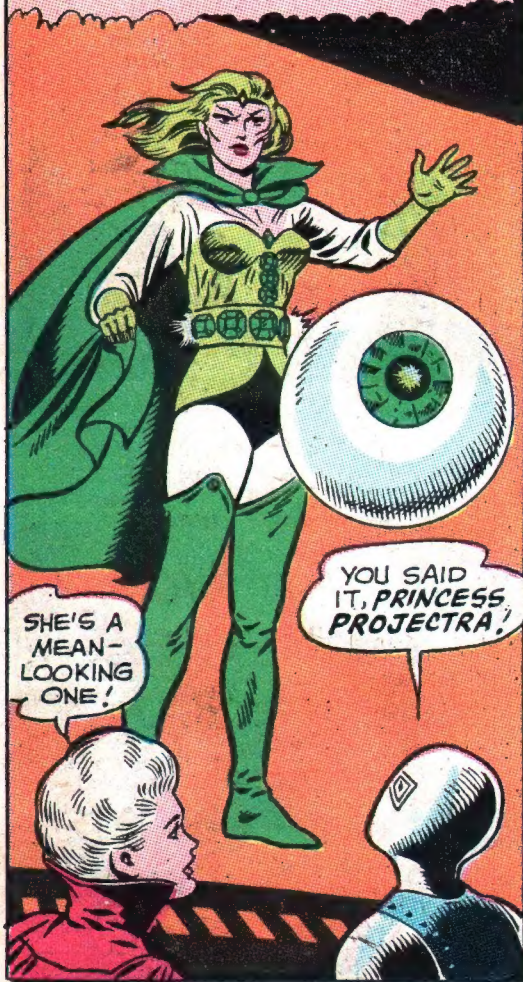
THE ROBOT HALF HAD TO BE FASHIONED QUICKLY, AND SO IS CRUDE AND UGLY! BUT AT LEAST HE'S ALIVE!



THE **ZADRONIANS** DID NOT REALIZE THAT THE LINKAGE OF HALF A HUMAN BRAIN TO HALF A ROBOT BRAIN GAVE **THAROK** A MENTALITY BEYOND MEASURE AND INCREASED HIS LUST FOR EVIL!



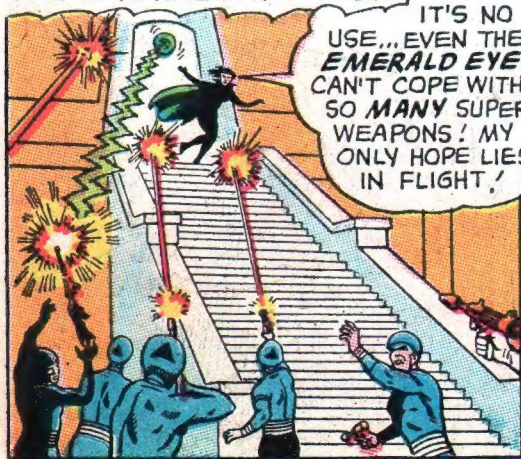
SARYA...THE EMERALD EMPRESS OF THE PLANET VENGAR...THE MOST WANTED FEMALE CRIMINAL IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE! SHE IS GUILTY OF EVERY CRIME FROM MURDER TO SPACE-PIRACY!



SHE'S A MEAN-LOOKING ONE!

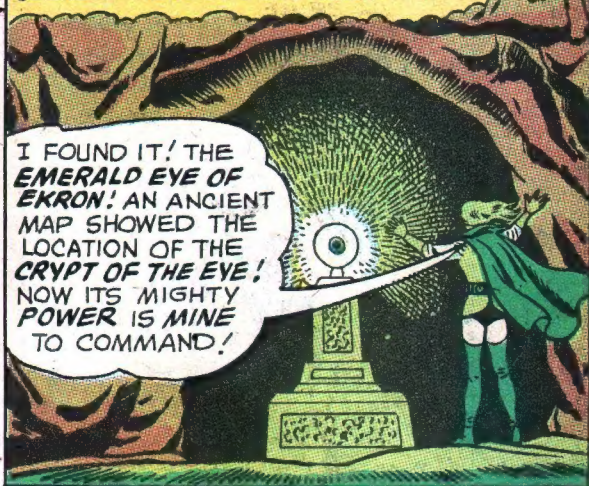
YOU SAID IT, PRINCESS PROJECTRA!

IT TOOK ONLY A FEW HOURS FOR **SARYA** TO SEIZE POWER AND BECOME THE **EMERALD EMPRESS!** BUT HER TYRANNY CAUSED THE PEOPLE TO RISE IN REBELLION...



IT'S NO USE...EVEN THE **EMERALD EYE** CAN'T COPE WITH SO MANY SUPER-WEAPONS! MY ONLY HOPE LIES IN FLIGHT!

VENGAR WAS THE SITE OF THE LONG-DEAD EKRON CIVILIZATION, WHOSE ASTOUNDING SCIENTIFIC SECRETS WERE ALL LOST...UNTIL...



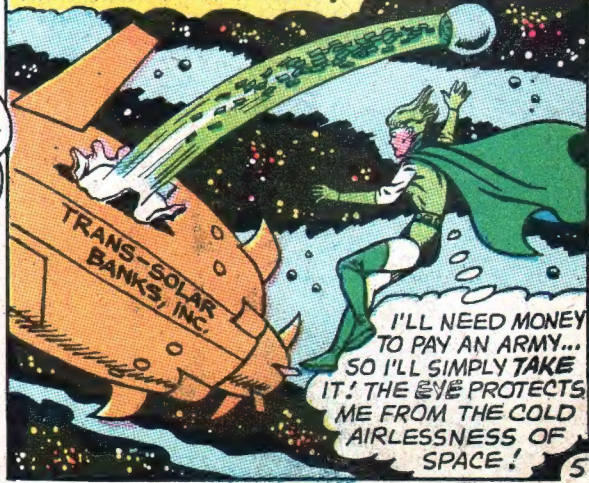
I FOUND IT! THE **EMERALD EYE OF EKRON!** AN ANCIENT MAP SHOWED THE LOCATION OF THE **CRYPT OF THE EYE!** NOW ITS MIGHTY POWER IS MINE TO COMMAND!

THE **EYE** POSSESSED NEARLY UNLIMITED POWER! TO **SARYA** IT WAS A MEANS OF FULFILLING HER AMBITIONS!



THE **EYE** IS MELTING A STEEL BLOCK. IT WILL DO WHATEVER I WISH! BY USING THE POWER OF THE **EMERALD EYE**, I'LL MAKE MYSELF EMPRESS OF VENGAR!

SHE UTILIZED THE POWER OF THE **EMERALD EYE** TO ESCAPE... BUT SHE SWORE TO RAISE AN ARMY AND REGAIN THE THRONE!



I'LL NEED MONEY TO PAY AN ARMY... SO I'LL SIMPLY TAKE IT! THE **EYE** PROTECTS ME FROM THE COLD AIRLESSNESS OF SPACE!

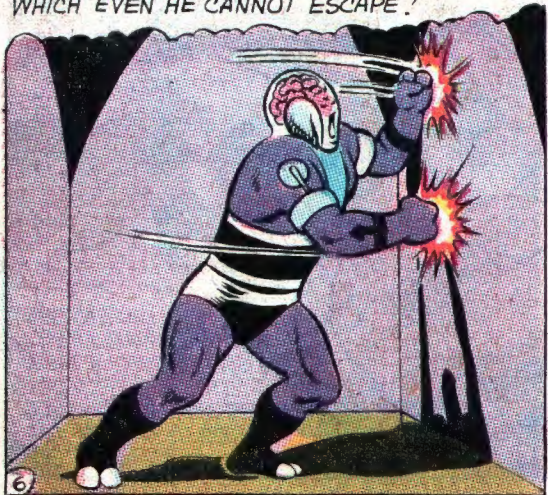
BY FAR, THE STRANGEST OF ALL LIVING BEINGS IS **VALIDUS**! NO ONE KNOWS HIS ORIGIN...NOR EVEN PRECISELY **WHAT** HE IS! BUT HIS POWER IS KNOWN AND FEARED THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE!



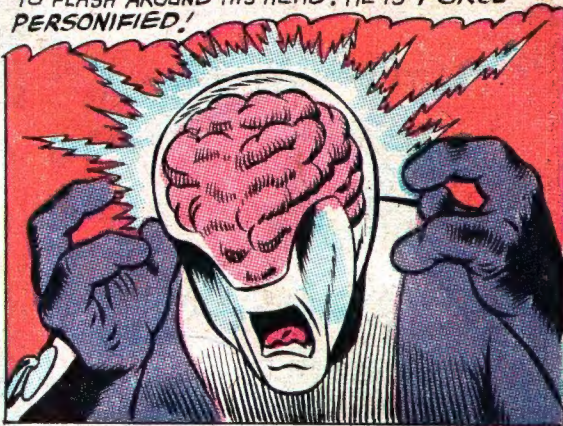
THINK YOU COULD HANDLE THIS GUY, **SUPERBOY**?

FRANKLY, **SUN BOY**. I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO TRY!

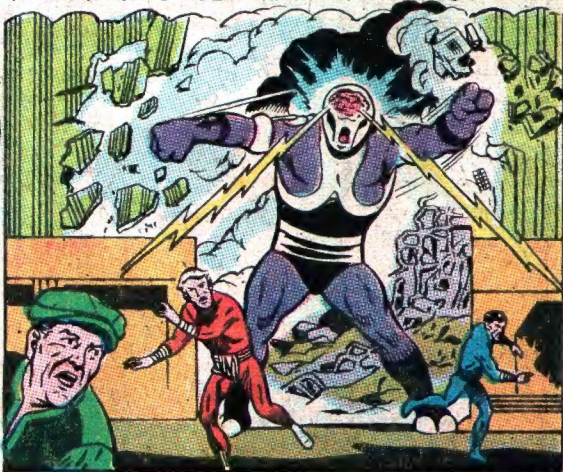
BUT AT LAST, THE **SCIENCE POLICE** TRAPPED **VALIDUS** IN A CELL OF IMPENETRABLE **INERTRON**, FROM WHICH EVEN HE CANNOT ESCAPE!



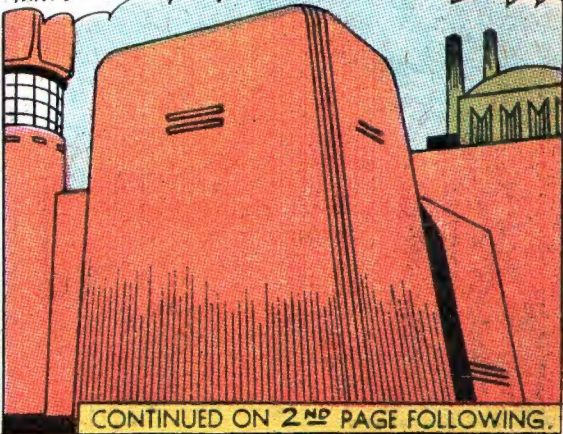
HIS STRENGTH IS INCALCULABLE, AND THOUGH HE DOES NOT POSSESS A SUPERIOR INTELLECT, THE PURE **ENERGY** OF HIS BRAIN CAUSES **MENTAL LIGHTNING** TO FLASH AROUND HIS HEAD. HE IS **FORCE PERSONIFIED**!



VALIDUS IS NOT TRULY **EVIL**! HE HAS NEVER BEEN KNOWN TO STEAL...NOR TO KILL AND DESTROY WITH DELIBERATE MALICE. BUT HE IS SUBJECT TO SUDDEN SEIZURES OF APPARENT MADNESS, DURING WHICH HE WILL OBLITERATE EVERYTHING IN SIGHT!



VALIDUS' CELL HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE **GALACTIC PRISON** IN **BISMARI**, WHERE HE AWAITS **EXECUTION** BY A BOMBARDMENT OF **ANTI-ENERGY**, THE ONLY THING BELIEVED CAPABLE OF DESTROYING HIM!



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Captain Action™

THE AMAZING
9-IN-1 SUPER HERO.

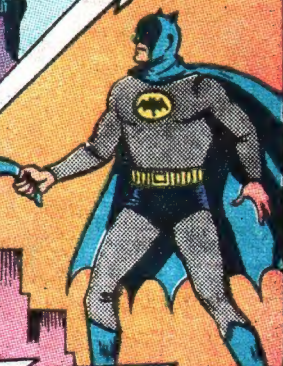
SUPERMAN



THE PHANTOM



BATMAN



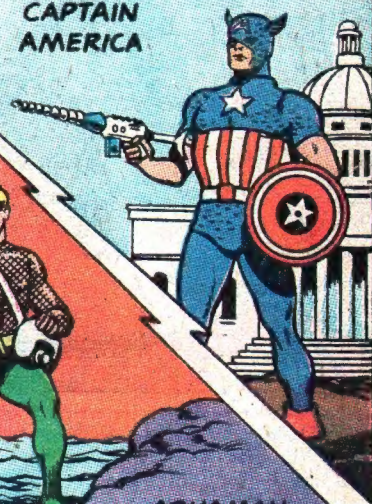
SGT. FURY



THE
LONE
RANGER

CHANGE
THE FACE
MASK AND
UNIFORM
TO CHANGE
THE HERO!

CAPTAIN
AMERICA



STEVE
CANYON



FLASH
GORDON

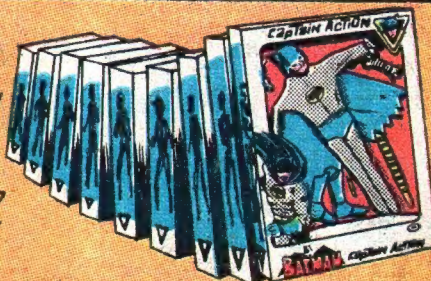


AQUAMAN

YOU'LL THRILL TO ENDLESS ADVENTURES WITH THESE MIGHTY MEN OF ACTION!
CAPTAIN ACTION IS THE BRAVE NEW HERO YOU CAN POSE IN 1,001 ACTION POSITIONS. CHANGE HIS FACE MASK AND UNIFORM AND HE'S BATMAN, FIGHTING CRIME WITH HIS BATARANG. CHANGE HIM AGAIN AND HE'S SUPERMAN, FLYING TO THE RESCUE. YOU CAN CHANGE HIM INTO NINE OF YOUR FAVORITE SUPER HEROES!



GET THE **CAPTAIN ACTION** FIGURE, COMPLETE WITH ACTION-READY UNIFORM, LIGHTNING SWORD AND RAY GUN... THEN GET ALL HIS SUPER HERO OUTFITS. THEY EACH COME WITH FACE MASK, HERO UNIFORM AND LOTS OF REALISTIC EQUIPMENT.

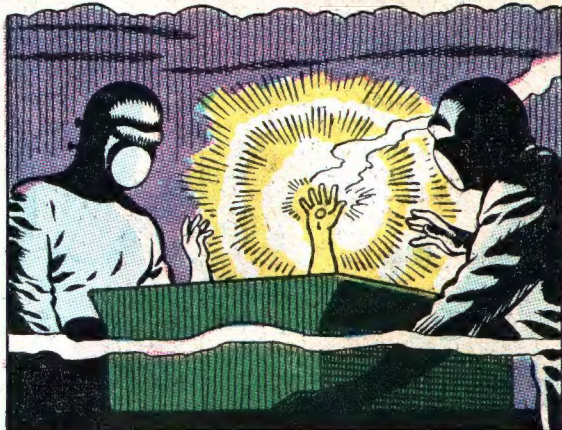


LOOK FOR **CAPTAIN ACTION** AND HIS SUPER HERO OUTFITS WHEREVER TOYS ARE SOLD. THERE'S NEVER BEEN A HERO LIKE **CAPTAIN ACTION**.

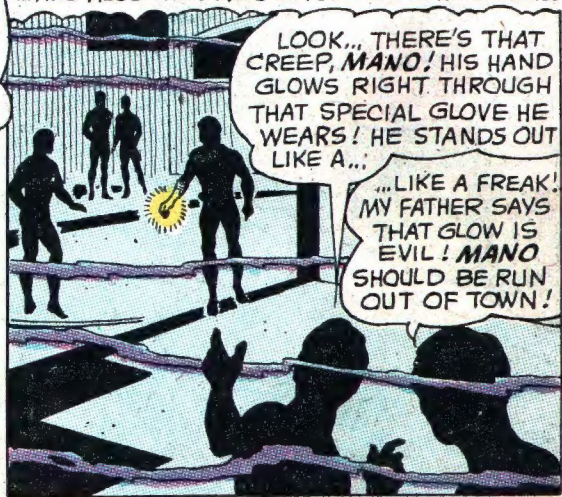
HE'S **IDEAL**

THE LAST OF THE UNIVERSE'S FIVE WORST PUBLIC ENEMIES IS **MANO**, WHO, WITH A TOUCH OF A GLOWING DISC ON HIS RIGHT HAND, CAN **COMPLETELY** ANNIHILATE ANY OBJECT! HE COMES FROM THE PLANET **ANGTU**!

ANGTU'S ATMOSPHERE CONSISTS OF THICK, SMOKY, NOXIOUS GASES WHICH ARE POISONOUS TO ALL BUT NATIVES OF THAT WORLD, PERHAPS THIS POLLUTED AIR CAUSED THE STRANGE MUTATION WITH WHICH **MANO** WAS BORN...



AS **MANO** GREW, SO DID THE POWER OF HIS HAND ... AND ALSO THE **PREJUDICE** OF HIS NEIGHBORS!

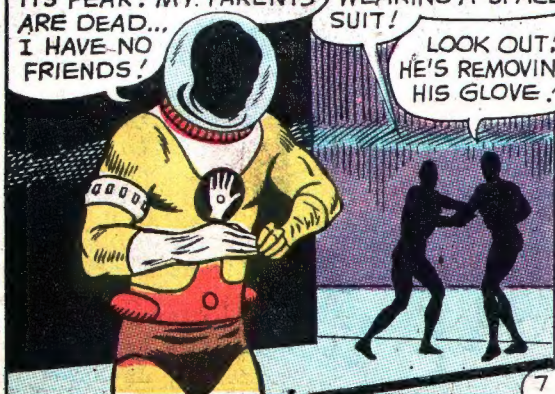


HATED AND SHUNNED, **MANO** BECAME BITTER AND VENGEFUL! HE PLOTTED HIS REVENGE AGAINST THE WORLD THAT DESPISED HIM...

THE TIME HAS COME! MY POWER HAS REACHED ITS PEAK! MY PARENTS ARE DEAD... I HAVE NO FRIENDS!

LOOK! IT'S **MANO**! BUT HE'S WEARING A SPACE SUIT!

LOOK OUT! HE'S REMOVING HIS GLOVE!



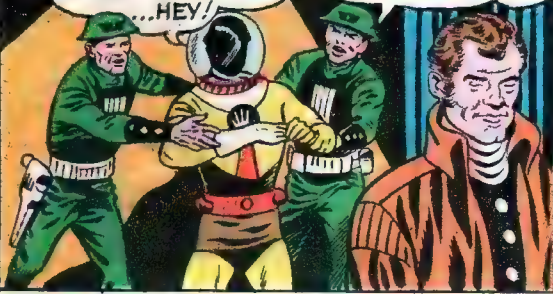
WITH THAT, **MANO** TOUCHED THE GROUND BENEATH HIM AND, STRAINING HIS POWER TO THE UTMOST, **DESTROYED HIS NATIVE PLANET... AND EVERYONE ON IT!**



MANO REACHED ANOTHER WORLD WHERE HE LAUNCHED HIS CAREER AS A HIRED ASSASSIN! HE WAS SUCCESSFUL UNTIL RECENTLY, WHEN HIS CAPTURE WAS REPORTED FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GALAXY!

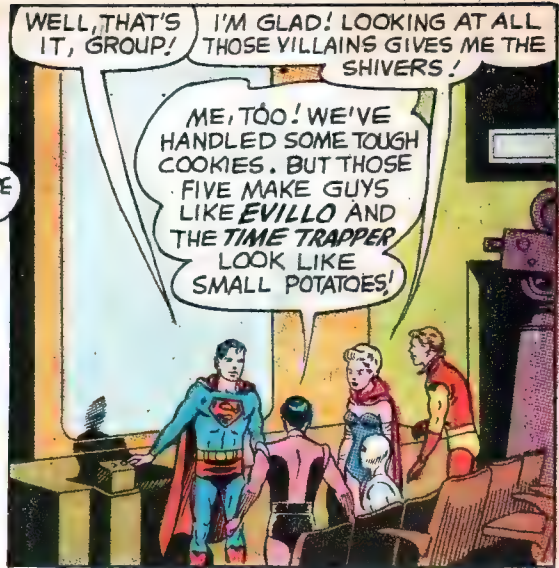
HA, HA! I'LL BE PAID A MILLION IN JEWELS, JUST FOR SHAKING HANDS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER! ...HEY!

IT'S **MANO**! GRAB HIM BEFORE HE GETS THAT PROTECTIVE GLOVE OFF OR OUR PRIME MINISTER WILL BE KILLED!



WELL, THAT'S IT, GROUP! I'M GLAD! LOOKING AT ALL THOSE VILLAINS GIVES ME THE SHIVERS!

ME, TOO! WE'VE HANDLED SOME TOUGH COOKIES. BUT THOSE FIVE MAKE GUYS LIKE **EVILLO** AND THE **TIME TRAPPER** LOOK LIKE SMALL POTATOES!

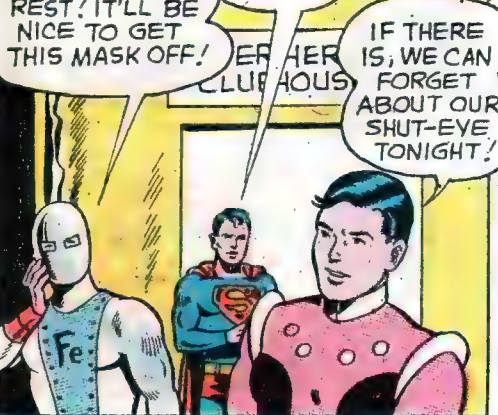


LATER...

WELL, IT'S TIME WE WERE HEADED HOME FOR SOME REST! IT'LL BE NICE TO GET THIS MASK OFF!

GOOD NIGHT, **FERRO LAD**! I'LL STAY HERE IN CASE THERE IS AN EMERGENCY CALL!

IF THERE IS, WE CAN FORGET ABOUT OUR SHUT-EYE TONIGHT!

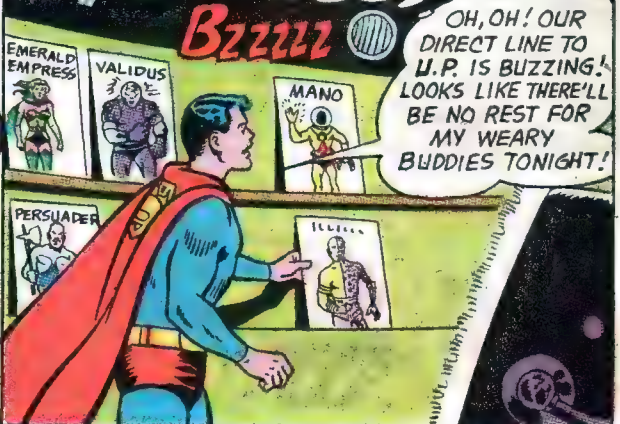


HOURS LATER...

THE **EMERALD EMPRESS**... **THAROK**... **MANO**... THE **PERSUADER**... **VALIDUS**. I WONDER IF I'D BE A MATCH FOR ANY OF THEM?

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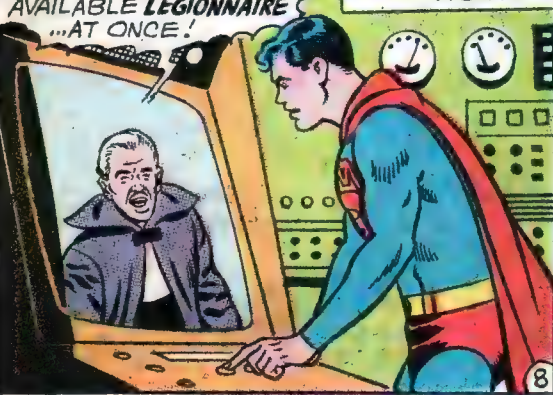
OH, OH! OUR DIRECT LINE TO U.P. IS BUZZING! LOOKS LIKE THERE'LL BE NO REST FOR MY WEARY BUDDIES TONIGHT!



GREAT STARS! IT'S THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.P. INNER COUNCIL HIMSELF!

SUPERBOY! GET HOLD OF EVERY AVAILABLE **LEGIONNAIRE** ...AT ONCE!

COMMUNICAT ROOM

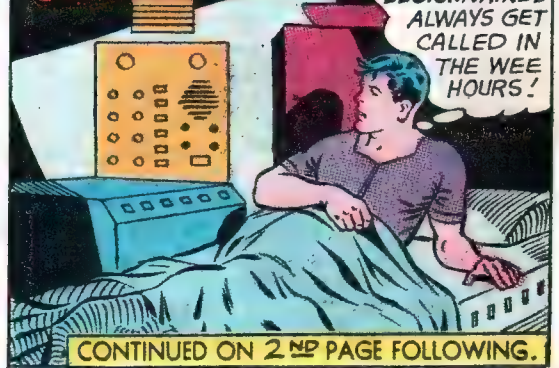


MINUTES LATER, IN THE HOME OF **ROKK KRINN**, BETTER KNOWN AS **COSMIC BOY**...

HUH? THE **LEGION** HOME ALARM! I'D BETTER GET TO THE CLUBHOUSE, **PRONTO**!

BRRING!

I KNEW IT! DOCTORS AND **LEGIONNAIRES** ALWAYS GET CALLED IN THE WEE HOURS!



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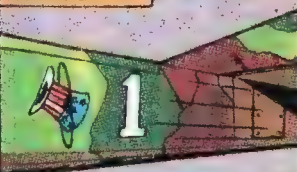
CAPTAIN BILLY & the KID!

WORLD WAR I AIR ACE CAPTAIN BILLY FINDS HIS GRANDSON BUILDING MODELS...

A SPAD XIII! WHY, IT'S CAPTAIN EDDIE RICKENBACKER'S. THERE'S HIS HAT IN THE RING INSIGNIA AND HIS AUTHENTIC CAMOUFLAGE MARKINGS! HOW DID YOU PAINT THEM ON SO PERFECTLY?

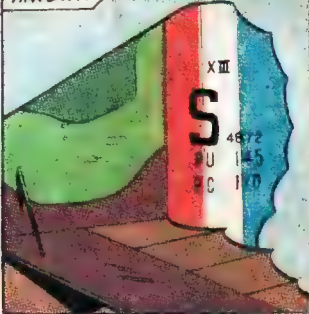


DON'T HAVE TO PAINT THEM ON, GRAMPS. IT'S NOT LIKE THE MODELS YOU MAKE. IT'S A RENWAL KIT...

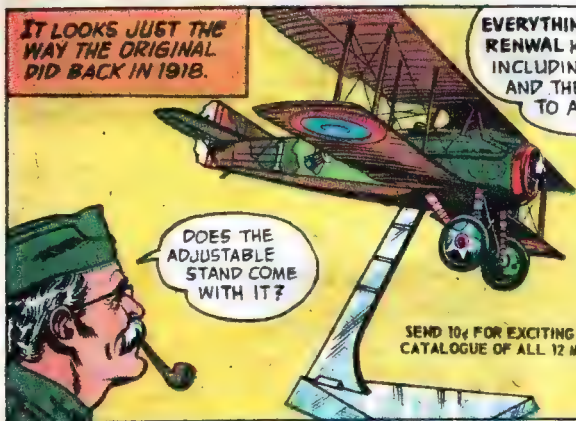


ALL THE DETAILS ARE PRINTED ON AEROSKIN! SEE?

AEROSKIN IS JUST LIKE THE FABRICS THESE WWI PLANES WERE COVERED WITH, AND ONLY RENWAL MODELS HAVE IT!



IT LOOKS JUST THE WAY THE ORIGINAL DID BACK IN 1918.



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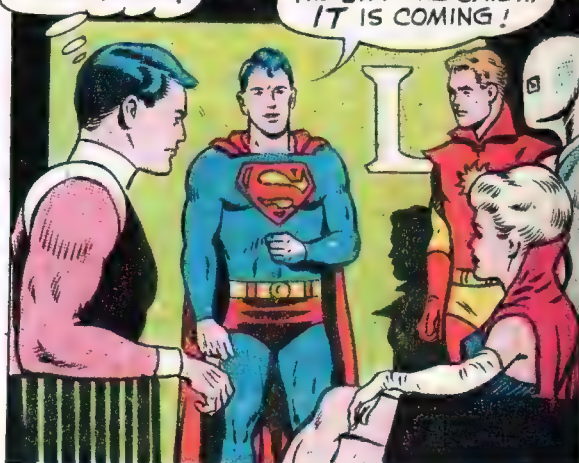
WOULD I BE LOSING MY BEAUTY SLEEP IF HE HADN'T?

SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE



I'VE NEVER SEEN SUPERBOY SO GRIM! THIS LOOKS LIKE BAD NEWS!

ALL HERE? GOOD! I'VE JUST RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.P.! HE SAID... IT IS COMING!



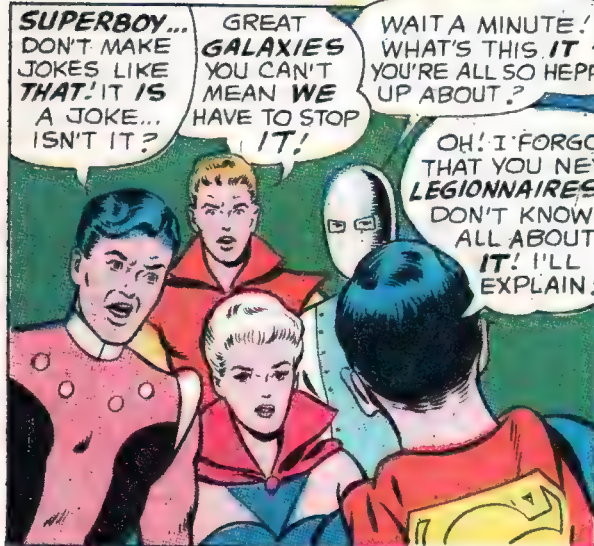
SUPERBOY... DON'T MAKE JOKES LIKE THAT! IT IS A JOKE... ISN'T IT?

GREAT GALAXIES YOU CAN'T MEAN WE HAVE TO STOP IT!

WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT'S THIS IT YOU'RE ALL SO HEPPED UP ABOUT?

OH! I FORGOT THAT YOU NEW LEGIONNAIRES DON'T KNOW ALL ABOUT IT! I'LL EXPLAIN!

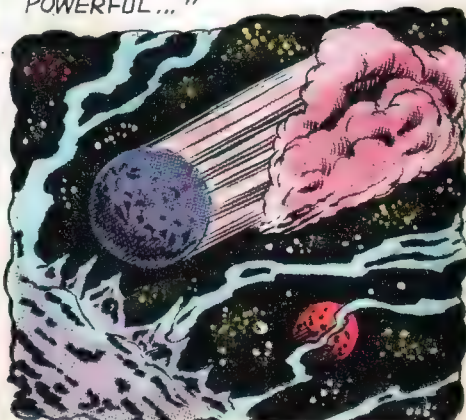
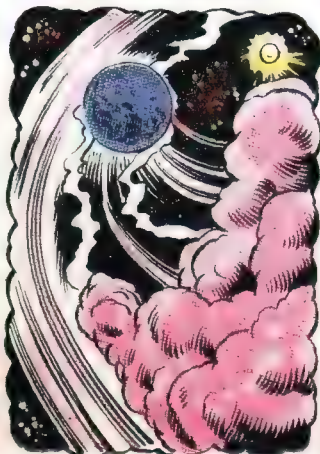
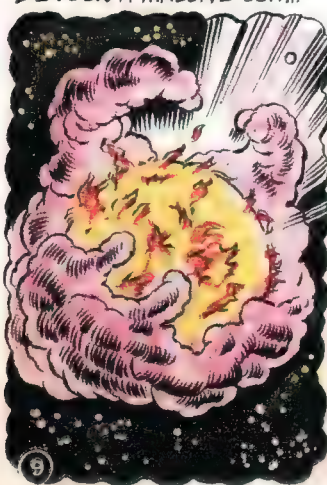
"TWO CENTURIES AGO, OUR HYPER-TELESCOPE REVEALED A LARGE, CLOUD-LIKE OBJECT DRIFTING AT THE EDGE OF THE OUTER COSMOS".



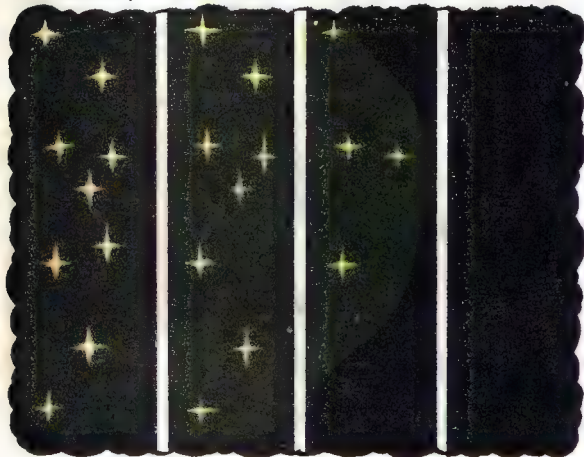
"SCIENTISTS WATCHED IT APPROACH...SURROUND...AND DEVOUR A MASSIVE SUN..."

"...LEAVING BEHIND A BLACK, COLD, HUSK, INCAPABLE OF SUPPORTING LIFE ON ITS PLANETS."

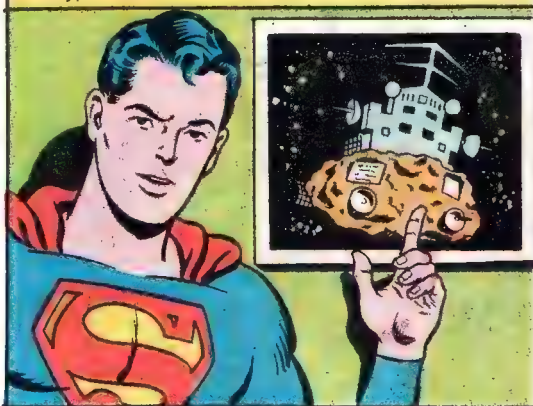
"SINCE THEN, IT HAS WANDERED THROUGH THE UNIVERSE... SWALLOWING SUNS, STAR SYSTEMS, AND SOMETIMES ENTIRE GALAXIES... ALWAYS GROWING AND BECOMING MORE POWERFUL..."



"IT WAS LAST SIGHTED FIVE YEARS AGO,
ENTERING THE NEARBY UNINHABITED GALAXY
15702! ASTRONOMERS WATCHED AS THE STARS
IN GALAXY 15702 WINKED OUT, ONE BY ONE..."



"THE PUBLIC WASN'T INFORMED, FOR FEAR
OF PANIC...BUT EARLY-WARNING STATIONS
WERE ESTABLISHED AT THE EDGES OF OUR
GALAXY, TO WATCH FOR THE **SUN-EATER'S**
POSSIBLE APPROACH! LESS THAN AN HOUR
AGO, IT WAS SPOTTED...HEADING THIS WAY!"



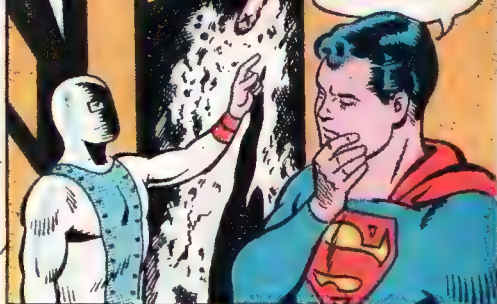
THE **SUN-EATER** IS HERE!
IN THREE DAYS IT WILL REACH
THE GALAXY'S RIM! IT MAY
DEVOUR ONE SUN...OR A FEW
...OR THE ENTIRE GALAXY!
BUT UNLESS IT CHANGES
COURSE, WHICH IS DOUBTFUL
...**SOL** WILL BE ONE OF ITS
FIRST VICTIMS...

STAR CHART
OF THE
MILKY WAY
GALAXY



LET'S SEE...THREE DAYS
TO REACH THE GALAXY...
ANOTHER FOUR BEFORE
IT GETS TO OUR SUN...
THAT GIVES US A WEEK!
OKAY, LEADERMAN...
WHAT DO WE DO TO
STOP IT?

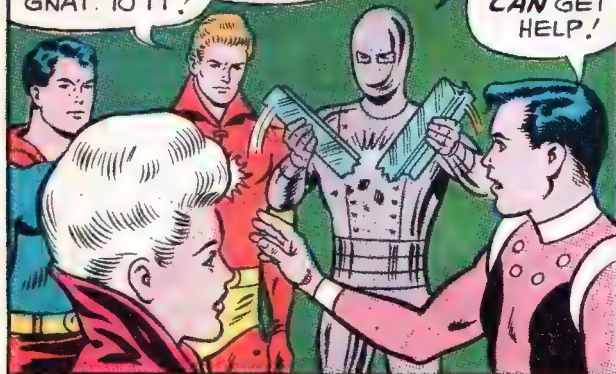
I WISH I
KNEW! THE
OTHER
LEGIONNAIRES
WON'T RETURN
FROM THEIR
MISSION IN
DIMENSION QK-5!
IN TIME TO
HELP US!



WE FIVE...ALONE AGAINST
THE **SUN-EATER**! BUT IT
HAS THE POWER OF BILLIONS
OF **SUNS** IN IT! EVEN
SUPERBOY, WHO GETS
HIS POWERS FROM EARTH'S
YELLOW SUN, IS LIKE A
GNAT. TO IT!

I'D RATHER GO
DOWN FIGHTING THAN
SIT HERE HUMMING
OUR FUNERAL
MARCH!

WAIT!
MAYBE WE
CAN GET
HELP!



THE **LEGION** HAS NO
MONOPOLY ON SUPER-
HEROES. LET'S CONTACT
THE OTHERS IN THE
GALAXY! MAYBE OUR
COMBINED POWERS
CAN...

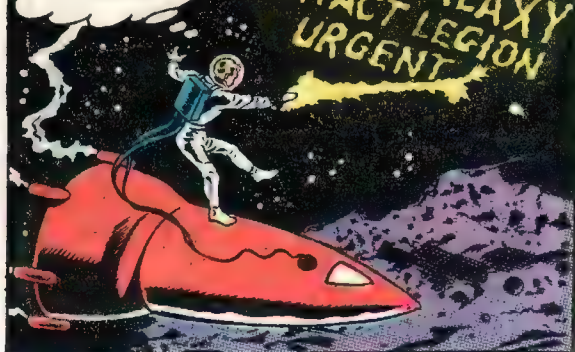
I READ YOU!
OKAY, GUYS!
GET BUSY!
WE MAY LICK
THE **SUN-EATER** AFTER
ALL!



THE FIVE SUPER-YOUTHS SEND OUT THEIR S.O.S., EACH IN HIS OWN WAY... BEGINNING WITH SUN BOY...

THE SUN-BURST LETTERS I'M FORMING WILL BE VISIBLE FOR MILLIONS OF MILES...

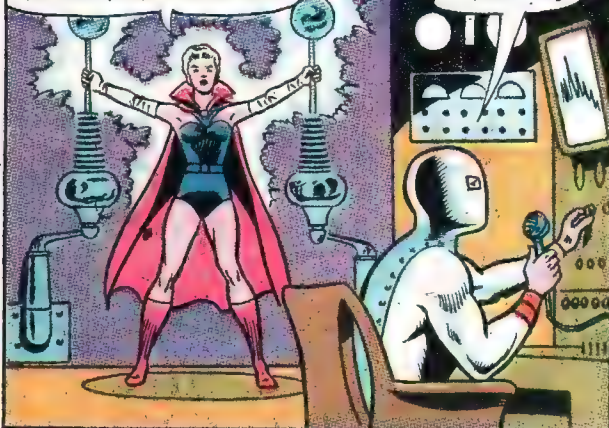
SUPER-HEROES OF THE GALAXY CONTACT LEGION URGENT



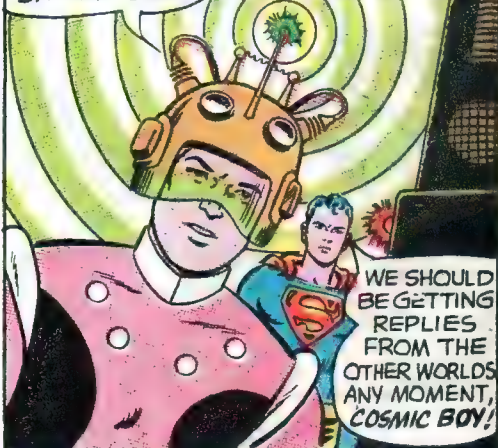
THOSE CAPSULES HAVE PLEAS FOR HELP IN THEM! WITH MY SUPER-STRENGTH AND AIM, I CAN TOSS THEM TO MANY HEROES ON DISTANT WORLDS!

THIS TRANSCIEVER DEVICE, COMBINED WITH MY OWN ILLUSION-POWER, ENABLES ME TO SEND IMAGES OF MYSELF ALL OVER THE GALAXY TO SEARCH FOR AID...

...WHILE I TRY TO RAISE SOME ASSISTANCE VIA SPACE-RADIO!



BY POWERING THIS MENTO-HELMET WITH MY SUPER-MAGNETIC EMANATIONS, I CAN TELEPATHICALLY SEEK HELP, JUST LIKE SATURN GIRL!



WE SHOULD BE GETTING REPLIES FROM THE OTHER WORLDS ANY MOMENT, COSMIC BOY!

ANSWERS? YES... BUT HARDLY THE KIND SUPERBOY EXPECTS...

FROM THE WORLD XAK...

ON THE PLANET GOHAN...

WHY SHOULD I RISK MY LIFE DEFENDING EARTH? THE SUN-EATER MAY NEVER MENACE MY PLANET.



ON THE PLANETOID DUAR...

SUPERBOY SUMMONS US!

NOTHING CAN STOP IT! AND I'M NEEDED HERE, TO HELP BUILD ESCAPE SHIPS!

WE COULDN'T WIN SUCH A BATTLE! DISREGARD IT!

FROM NEARBY MARS...

IT IS A HOPELESS CAUSE!

FROM THE SATELLITE ANV...

SORRY, FERRO LAD! I COULD NEVER REACH EARTH IN TIME TO HELP YOU!



AND SO, AT THE END OF THREE DAYS...

...LOOK... A NEARBY
STAR JUST WINKED
OUT! THE **SUN-EATER**
ATE IT! THAT THING'S
COMING THIS WAY,
ALL RIGHT!

WE'VE FAILED!
... FOR THE
FIRST TIME...
WE'VE FAILED!

TODAY, THE **U.P.** INFORMED
THE GALAXY OF THE ONCOMING
MENACE... THEY WAITED TILL
THE LAST MINUTE, TO AVOID
AS MUCH PANIC AS POSSIBLE!

I HEARD AN
INTERPLANETARY
COOPERATIVE
HAS BEEN
FORMED TO
BUILD ESCAPE
SHIPS!

IF ONLY THE OTHERS WERE BACK...OR
IF THE **HEROES**... EVEN A **FEW**... HAD
CONSENTED TO HELP US... TO GIVE US
THAT ONE CHANCE IN A BILLION WE
NEED!

SAY... WAIT A MINUTE!
HEROES AREN'T THE
ONLY ONES WITH
POWERS!

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT? WHO
ELSE...??

THE **FATAL FIVE**
JUST **MIGHT** BE
POWERFUL ENOUGH
TO COPE WITH THE
SUN-EATER!

I GET YOU, C.B.!
THE **VILLAINS**
OF THE
GALAXY ARE
ENDANGERED,
TOO! BUT
WILL **THEY**
HELP US?

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION...
WILL THEY? WE'LL
FIND OUT IN PART II!

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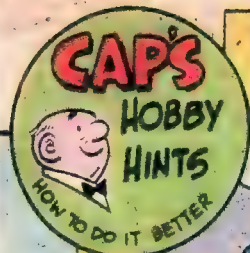
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The THINKER!

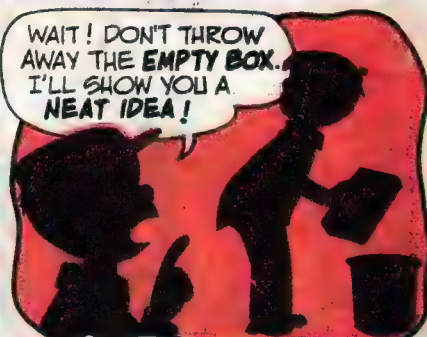
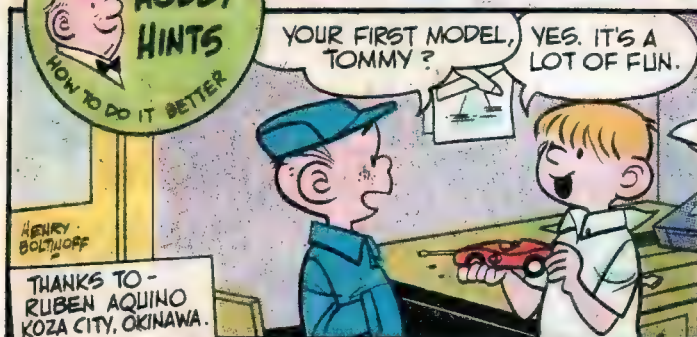


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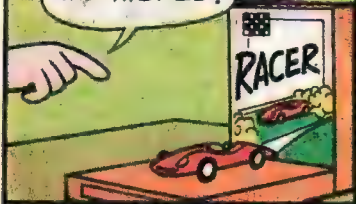
NOT EVEN **2000** **ATOMS**
COULD OUT-FIGHT—
OR OUT-THINK—
The THINKER!



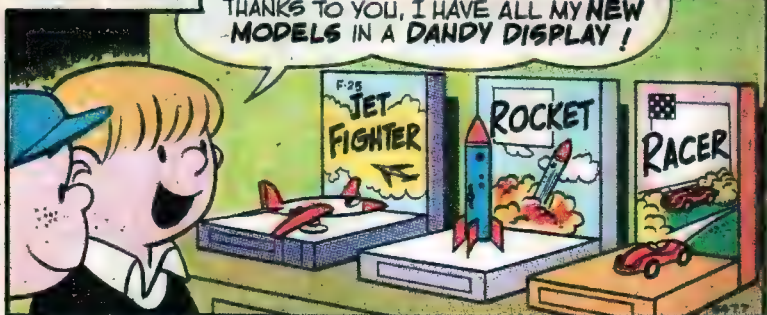
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They were just ordinary people like you and me—but a strange experiment changed their lives! Don't miss "THE TERROR OF THE ENERGY BEINGS" in the March issue of **TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED**, No. 99, on sale Dec. 8.

JEB STUART and the crew of the HAUNTED TANK ask themselves the most rugged question of all—"WHO DIES NEXT?" This wartime shocker headlines March's **G.I. COMBAT**, No. 122, on the stands Dec. 8.

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They're back—VILLO and his diabolical computer-companion, BRAINEX, with a new teammate, BUBBLE-MASTER, who helps unleash the "WAR OF THE SUB-HUMANS" on the **CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN**, March, No. 54, on sale Dec. 1.

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The DOOM PATROL's down, but not out, as they return from the dead. But for how long, when they're confronted by the terrifying menace of "MANDRED THE EXECUTIONER"? February issue, No. 109, on sale Dec. 6.

Across the JUNGLE

rings the cry...

B'WANA BEAST!

MAN AND
ANIMAL ALIKE CRINGE
AT THE SIGHT OF...

B'WANA BEAST!

A FUGITIVE FROM THE
LAW, A NEMESIS OF
CRIME IS...

B'WANA BEAST!

YOU WILL GAPE AT THE
ASTOUNDING POWERS OF
DC'S LATEST AND GREATEST
SUPER-HERO...

B'WANA BEAST!

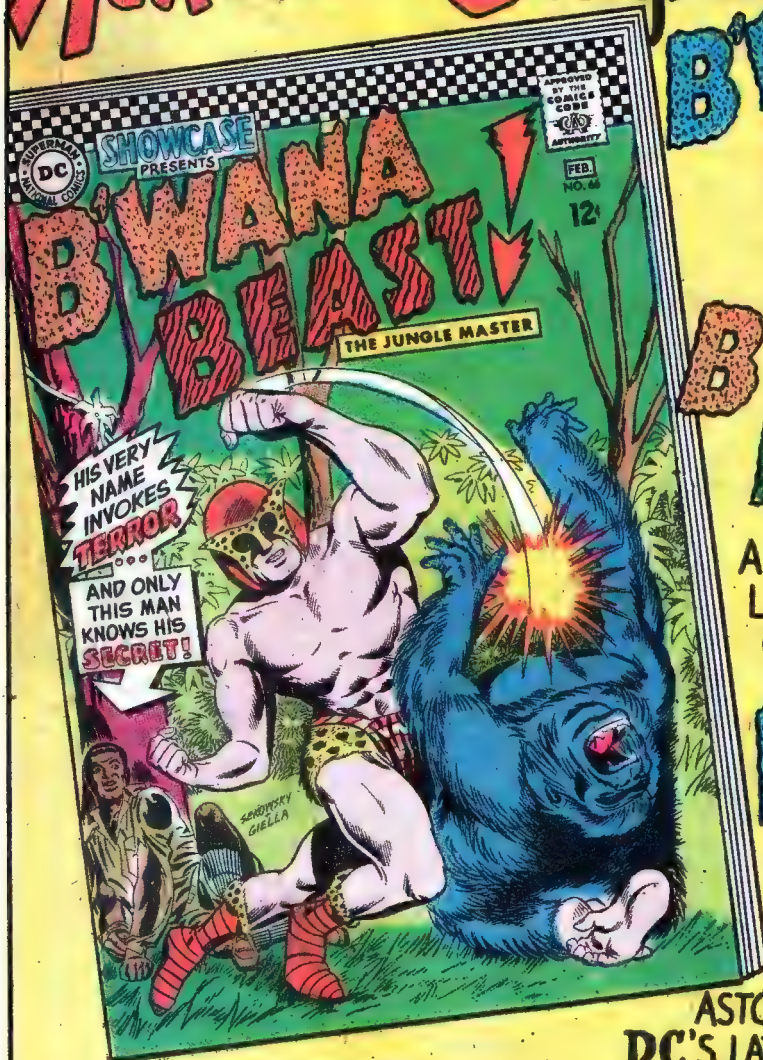
YOU CAN'T AFFORD
TO MISS THE AMAZING
ORIGIN OF...

B'WANA BEAST!

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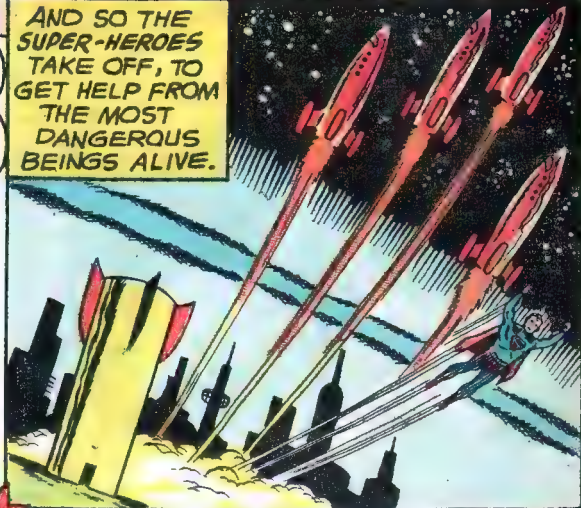
PART II AN SOS TO EVIL!

EACH OF THE LEGIONNAIRES CHOOSES ONE OF THE FIVE VILLAINS. THEN...

TO THE SPACE CRUISERS! IF YOUR MAN IS A CAPTIVE, THE LEGION EMBLEM ON YOUR FLIGHT-RING CARRIES ENOUGH AUTHORITY TO GET HIM RELEASED IN YOUR CUSTODY! WE MEET HERE IN TWO DAYS!



AND SO THE SUPER-HEROES TAKE OFF, TO GET HELP FROM THE MOST DANGEROUS BEINGS ALIVE.

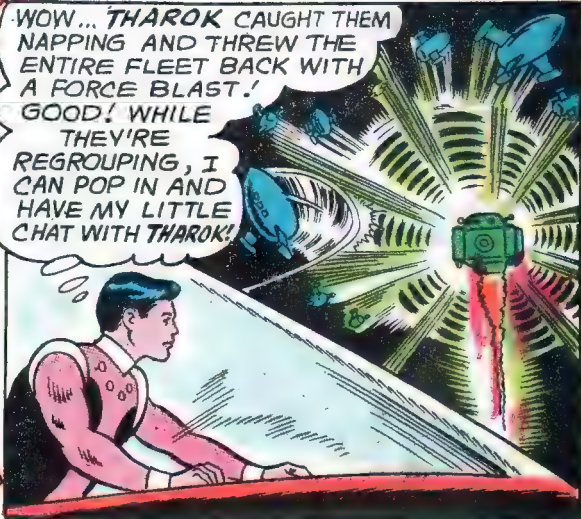


HOURS LATER, IN DEEP SPACE, WE JOIN COSMIC BOY...

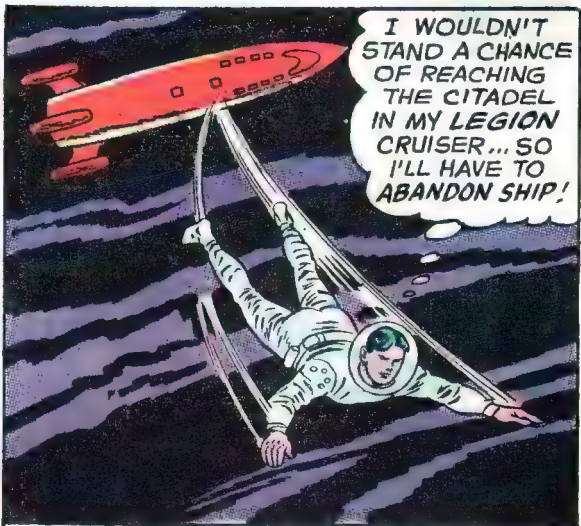


MY INFORMATION WAS CORRECT... I'VE FOUND THAROK'S CITADEL OF EVIL... BUT SO HAVE THE SCIENCE POLICE! HUNDREDS OF PATROL SHIPS ARE BESIEGING THE PLACE!

WOV... THAROK CAUGHT THEM NAPPING AND THREW THE ENTIRE FLEET BACK WITH A FORCE BLAST! GOOD! WHILE THEY'RE REGROUPING, I CAN POP IN AND HAVE MY LITTLE CHAT WITH THAROK!

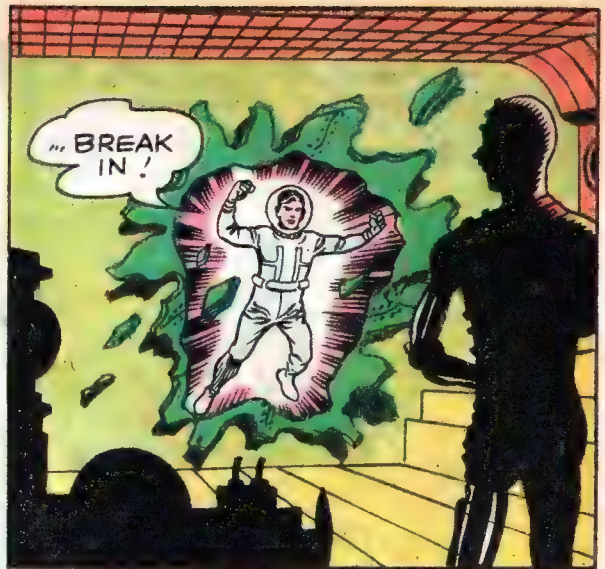


I WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE OF REACHING THE CITADEL IN MY LEGION CRUISER... SO I'LL HAVE TO ABANDON SHIP!

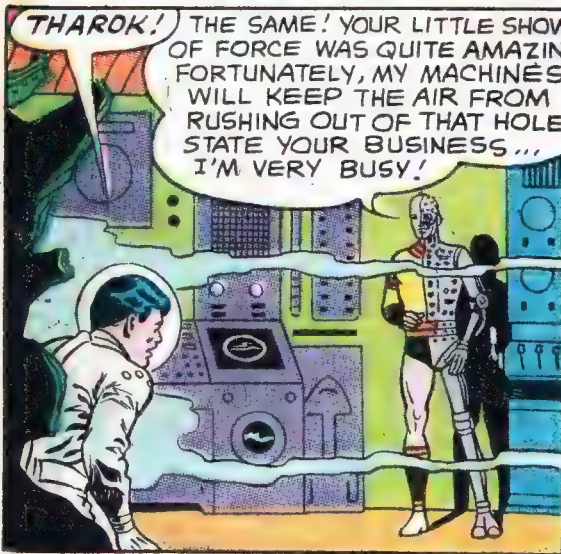




MADE IT...NOW TO
SUMMON UP ALL
MY MAGNETIC
MIGHT...AND...



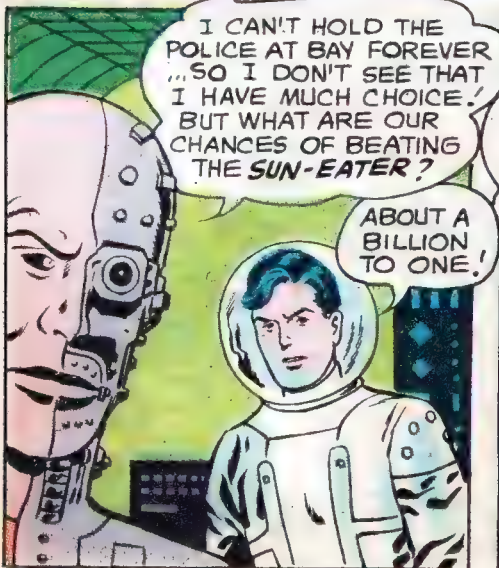
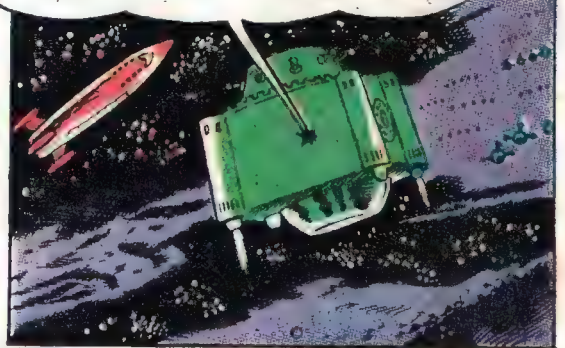
"BREAK
IN!"



THAROK! THE SAME! YOUR LITTLE SHOW
OF FORCE WAS QUITE AMAZING!
FORTUNATELY, MY MACHINES
WILL KEEP THE AIR FROM
RUSHING OUT OF THAT HOLE.
STATE YOUR BUSINESS...
I'M VERY BUSY!

**AFTER COSMIC BOY EXPLAINS THE DOOM
TO COME...**

THE CHOICE IS YOURS...YOU CAN
DISREGARD MY OFFER, IN WHICH CASE YOU'LL
PERISH WITH THE REST OF THE GALAXY;
PROVIDED YOU ESCAPE THE POLICE...OR YOU
CAN JOIN US...AND, IF WE'RE SUCCESSFUL,
YOU'LL GET A FULL PARDON!



I CAN'T HOLD THE
POLICE AT BAY FOREVER
...SO I DON'T SEE THAT
I HAVE MUCH CHOICE!
BUT WHAT ARE OUR
CHANCES OF BEATING
THE **SUN-EATER**?

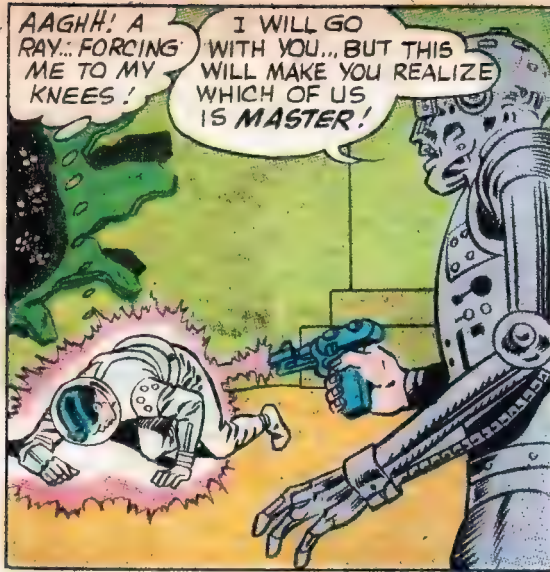
ABOUT A
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TO ONE!



GOOD! MY SUPER-MIND
LOVES A CHALLENGE!

FINE! I'LL GET THE POLICE
TO RELEASE YOU IN MY
CUSTODY! MY **FLIGHT-
RING** IS ALL THE
AUTHORITY
I NEED!

HE'S TURNING
HIS BACK...
NOW... MY
RAY WEAPON!



AAGHH! A RAY.. FORCING ME TO MY KNEES!

I WILL GO WITH YOU... BUT THIS WILL MAKE YOU REALIZE WHICH OF US IS MASTER!

MEANWHILE, IN A DISTANT SOLAR SYSTEM, SUPERBOY PRESSES HIS SEARCH...

THERE'S THE SMALL, PRIMITIVE WORLD OF CRAGGOK! A PERFECT OUT-OF-THE-WAY HIDEOUT FOR A GIRL ON THE RUN... LIKE THE EMERALD EMPRESS!



AS SUPERBOY SCANS THE MANY SMALL VILLAGES ON THE PLANET...

CRAGGOK'S CIVILIZATION IS ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO EARTH'S IN THE MIDDLE AGES! IT SHOULDN'T BE HARD TO FIND THE EMPRESS IF... SUFFERING SATELLITES! THERE SHE IS... BEING BURNED AT THE STAKE!



THE WITCH MUST DIE!

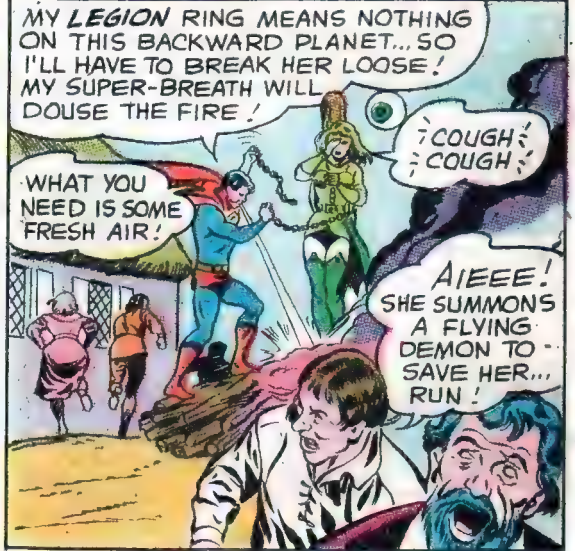
WITCH! WITCH!

MY LEGION RING MEANS NOTHING ON THIS BACKWARD PLANET... SO I'LL HAVE TO BREAK HER LOOSE! MY SUPER-BREATH WILL DOUSE THE FIRE!

WHAT YOU NEED IS SOME FRESH AIR!

COUGH COUGH

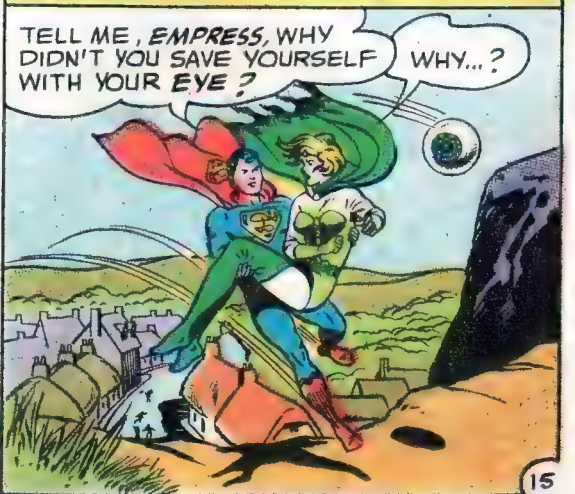
AIEEE! SHE SUMMONS A FLYING DEMON TO SAVE HER... RUN!



AS SUPERBOY FLIES THE EMERALD EMPRESS TO A DESERTED HILL FAR FROM THE TOWN...

TELL ME, EMPRESS, WHY DIDN'T YOU SAVE YOURSELF WITH YOUR EYE?

WHY...?

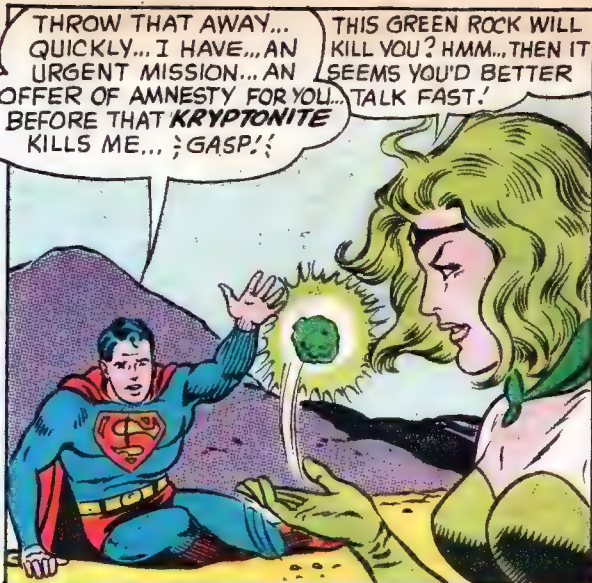


BECAUSE IT WAS AFFECTED BY RAYS FROM A GREEN, GLOWING MINERAL. I CUT THEM OFF BY PUTTING IT IN A LEAD POCKET IN MY CAPE... BUT MY EYE HASN'T RECOVERED.



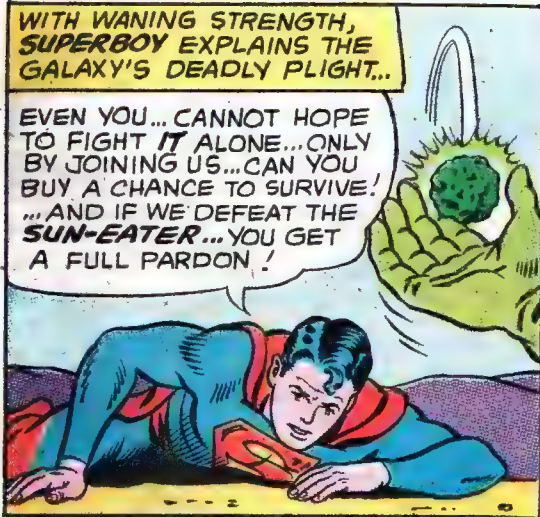
GREEN KRYPTONITE... THE PAIN... OHH!

THROW THAT AWAY... QUICKLY... I HAVE... AN URGENT MISSION... AN OFFER OF AMNESTY FOR YOU... BEFORE THAT KRYPTONITE KILLS ME... ; GASP! ;

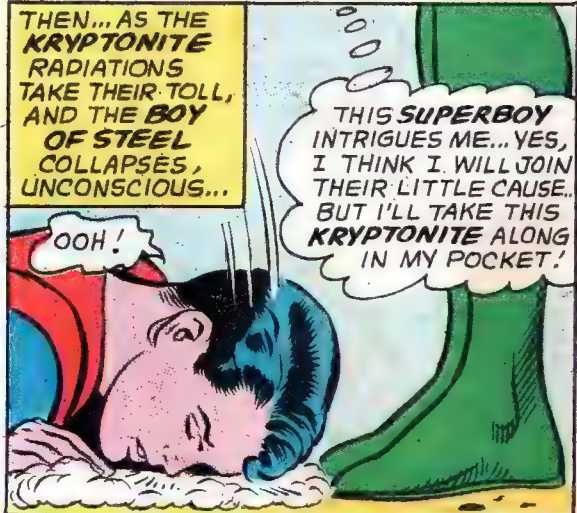


WITH WANING STRENGTH, SUPERBOY EXPLAINS THE GALAXY'S DEADLY PLIGHT...

EVEN YOU... CANNOT HOPE TO FIGHT IT ALONE... ONLY BY JOINING US... CAN YOU BUY A CHANCE TO SURVIVE! ... AND IF WE DEFEAT THE SUN-EATER... YOU GET A FULL PARDON!



THEN... AS THE KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS TAKE THEIR TOLL, AND THE BOY OF STEEL COLLAPSES, UNCONSCIOUS...

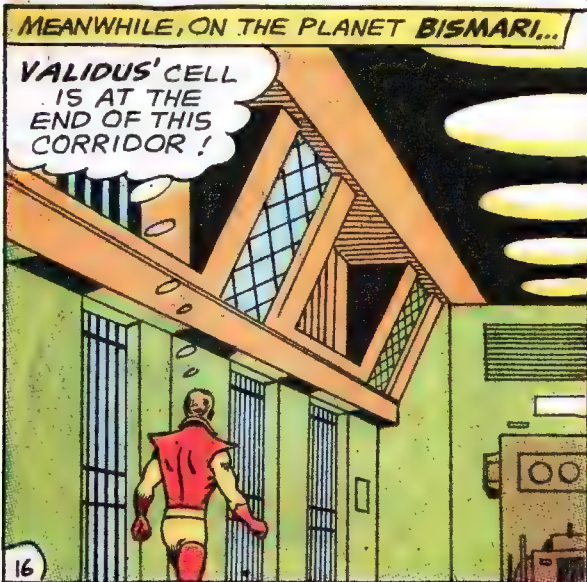


OHH!

THIS SUPERBOY INTRIGUES ME... YES, I THINK I WILL JOIN THEIR LITTLE CAUSE... BUT I'LL TAKE THIS KRYPTONITE ALONG IN MY POCKET!

MEANWHILE, ON THE PLANET BISMARI...

VALIDUS' CELL IS AT THE END OF THIS CORRIDOR!

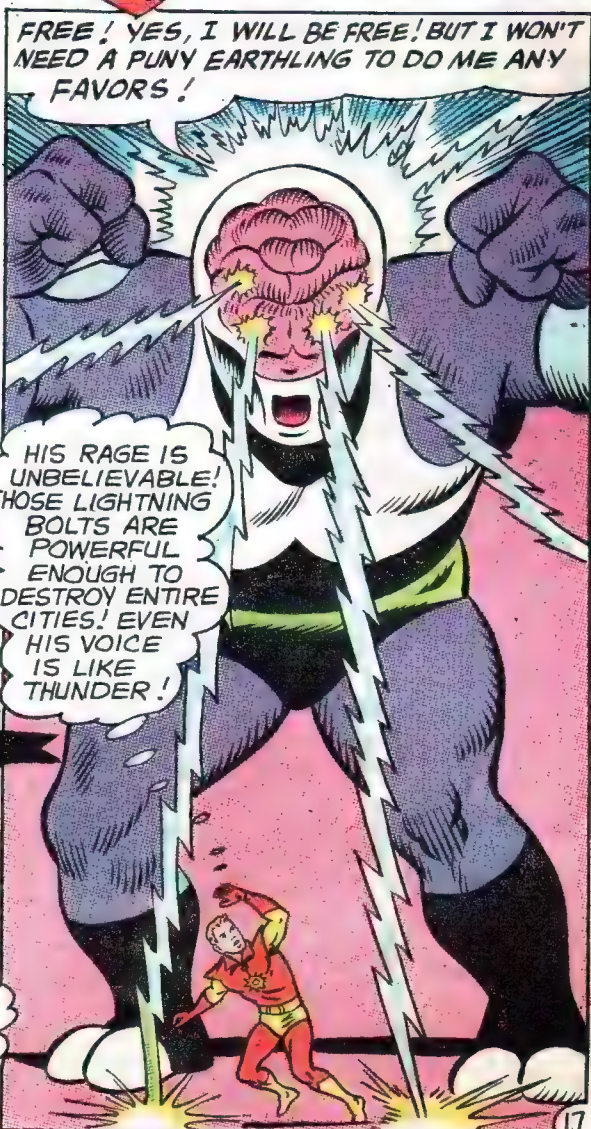
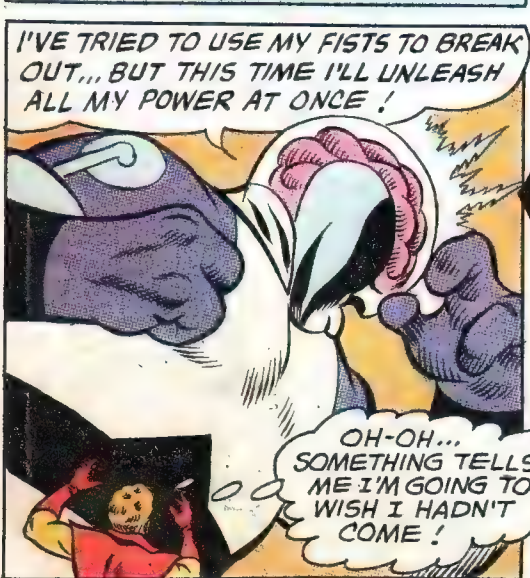
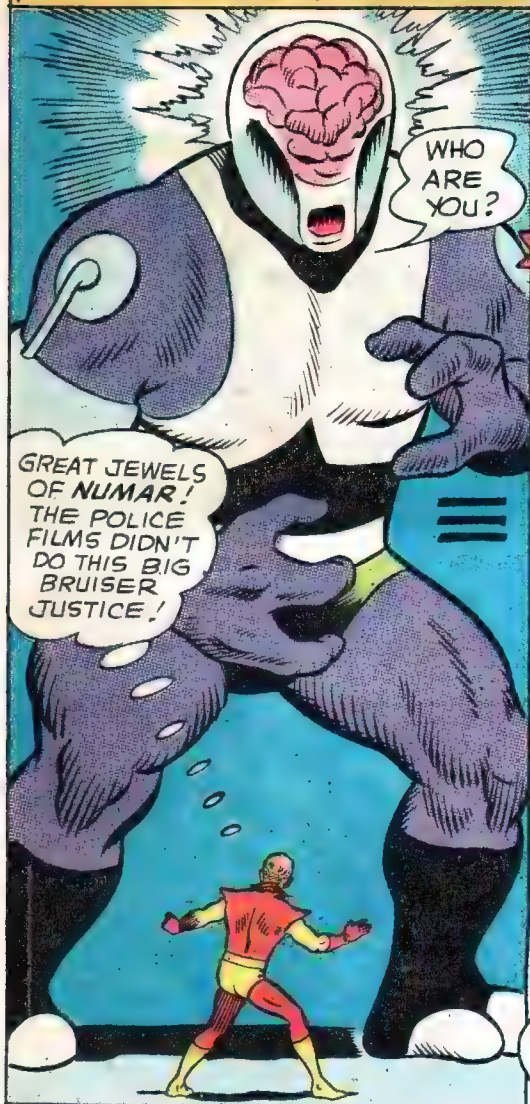


HEY, YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE! YOU'LL BE KILLED! VALIDUS IS IN A BAD MOOD! HE'S TO BE EXECUTED TOMORROW!

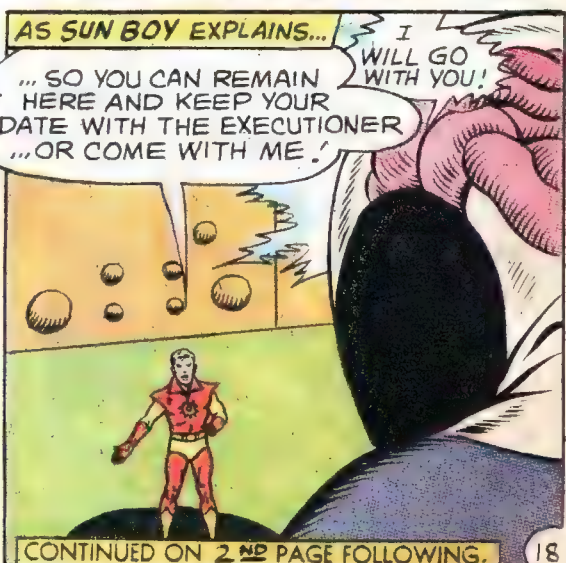
ALL THE MORE REASON FOR ME TO SEE HIM TODAY!

THIS SPECIAL MAGNETIC KEY THE WARDEN GAVE ME WILL OPEN THE DOOR.





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AROUND DISNEYLAND!



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AS WELL AS
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HAFTA SEE TO BELIEVE.
THIS GRAND PRIZ IS OUT
OF THIS WORLD!



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CATALOG AROUND
WHERE YOUR OWN
"SANTA CLAUSES"
WILL SEE IT. THEY'LL
GET THE RIGHT
IDEA.

JUST LOOK
AT THAT NEW 60
FOOT ALCO "430"
DIESEL... AND THE
"PRAIRIE" LOCO AND
TENDER TOO. YOW!
THEY'RE FOR
ME.



Make it

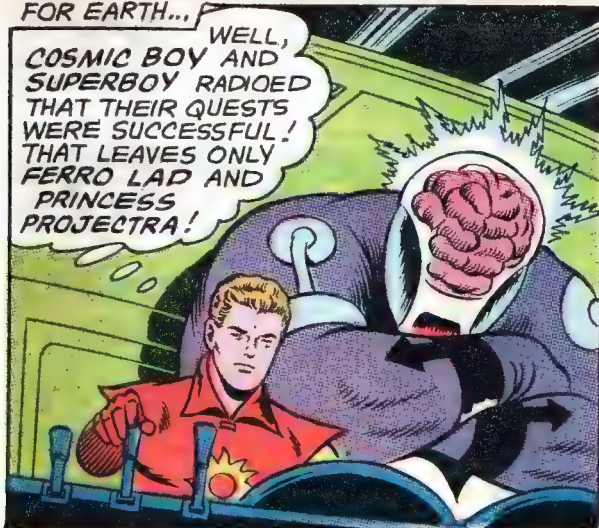
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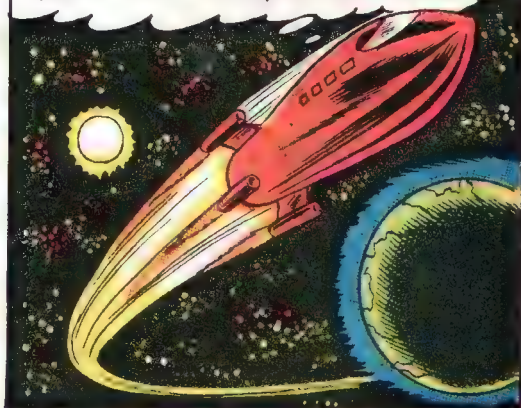
IT'S SO MUCH MORE FUN TO OWN THE VERY BEST.

AND SO, AS THE TWO LEAVE VROKK AND HEAD FOR EARTH...

WELL, COSMIC BOY AND SUPERBOY RADIOED THAT THEIR QUESTS WERE SUCCESSFUL! THAT LEAVES ONLY FERRO LAD AND PRINCESS PROJECTRA!

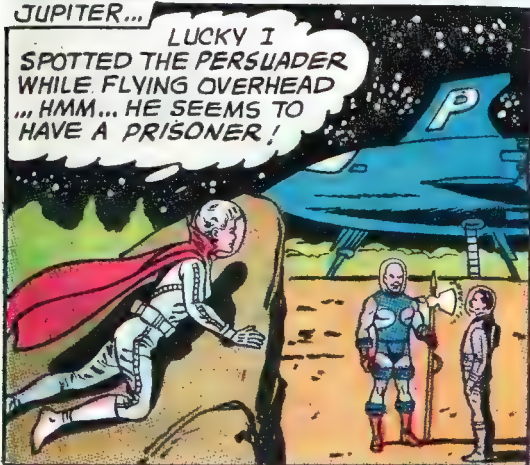


I WONDER HOW THOSE TWO ROOKIE LEGIONNAIRES ARE MAKING OUT? THEY DID FINE IN THE EVILLO CASE... BUT THEY WEREN'T ON THEIR OWN! THEY WON'T HAVE ANYONE TO PULL 'EM OUT OF A JAM IF THEY FUMBLE THIS TIME!



AS SUN BOY SPEEDS ACROSS THE VOID, PRINCESS PROJECTRA SIZES UP HER QUARRY FROM A ROCKY LEDGE ON THE TWELFTH MOON OF JUPITER...

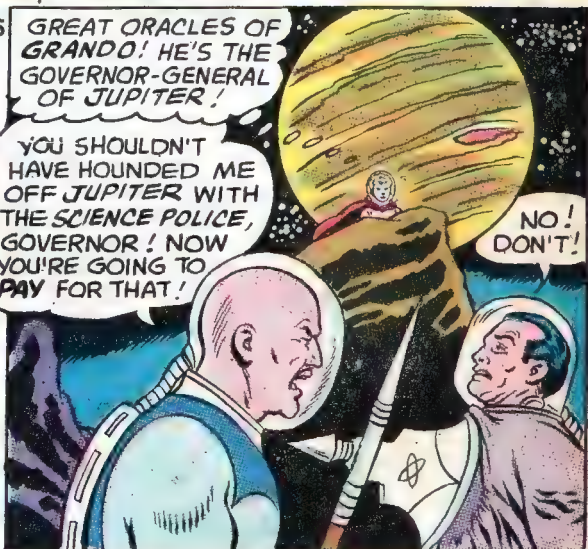
LUCKY I SPOTTED THE PERSUADER WHILE FLYING OVERHEAD ...HMM... HE SEEMS TO HAVE A PRISONER!



GREAT ORACLES OF GRANDO! HE'S THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF JUPITER!

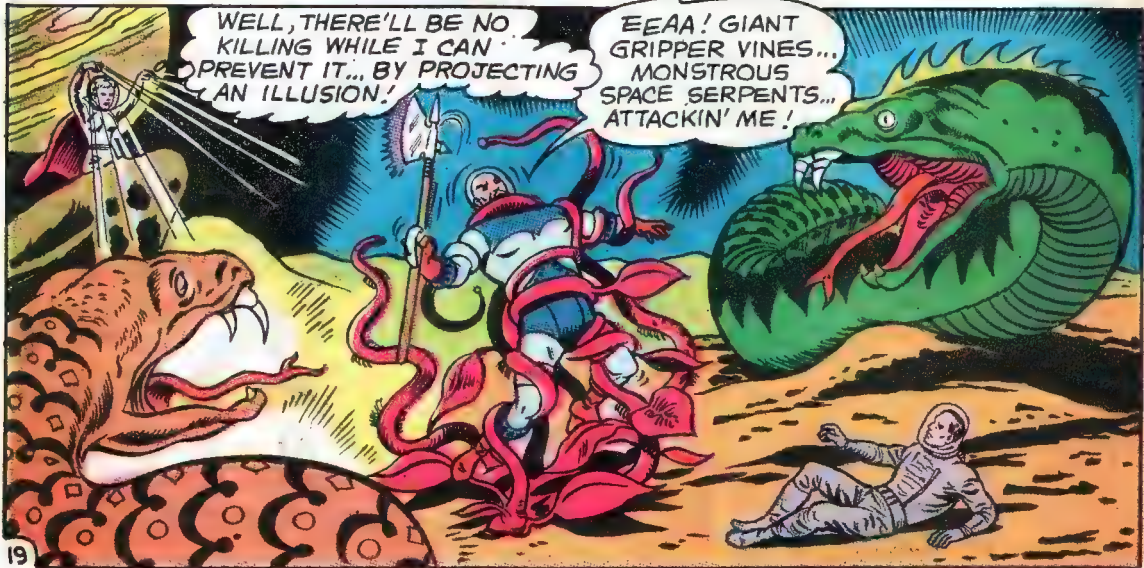
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE HOUNDED ME OFF JUPITER WITH THE SCIENCE POLICE, GOVERNOR! NOW YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THAT!

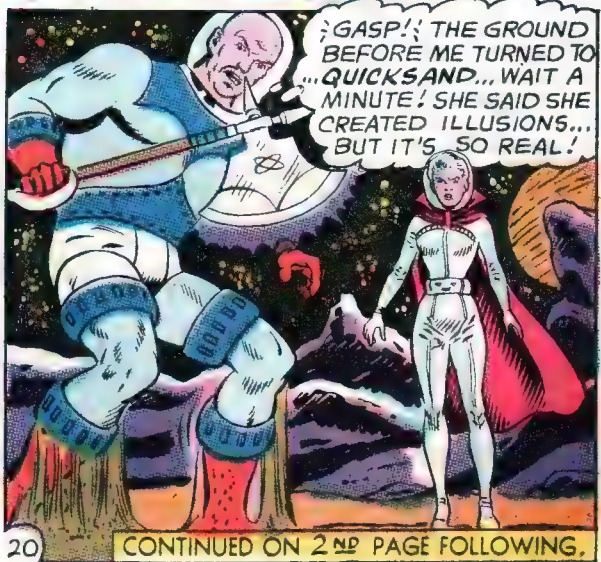
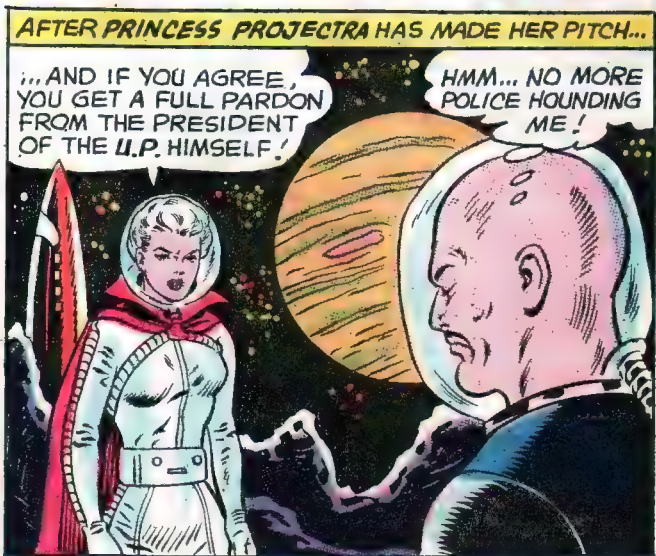
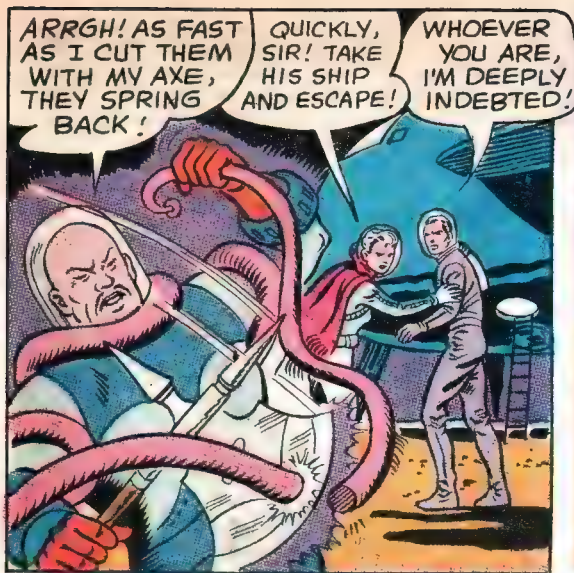
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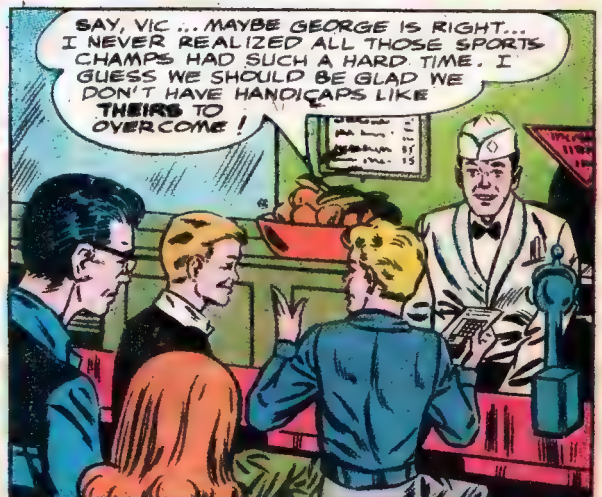
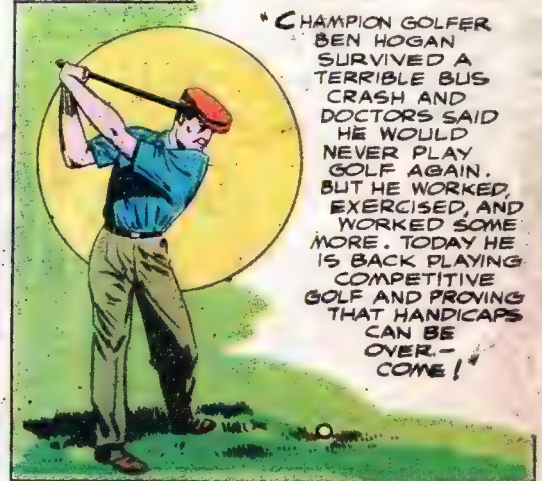
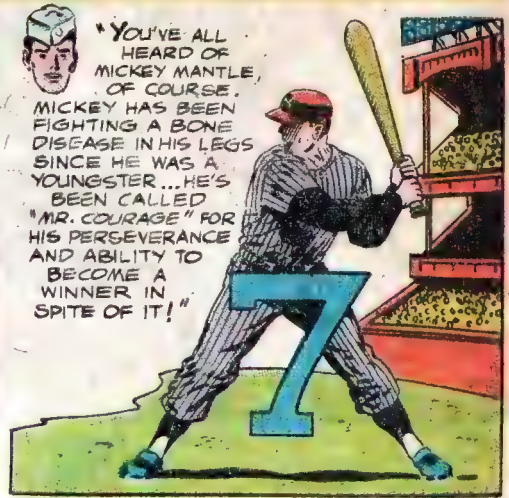
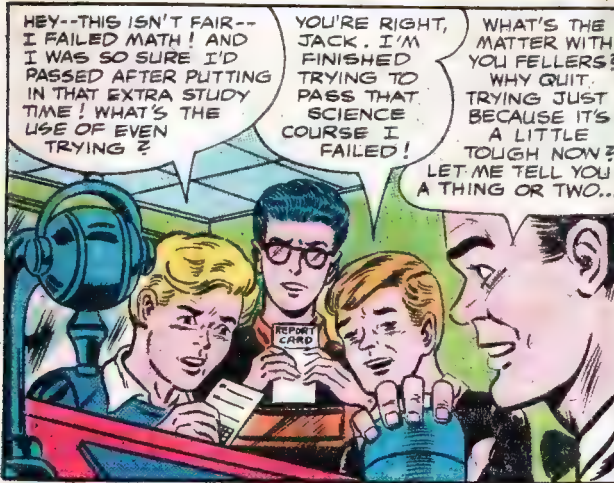
WELL, THERE'LL BE NO KILLING WHILE I CAN PREVENT IT... BY PROJECTING AN ILLUSION!

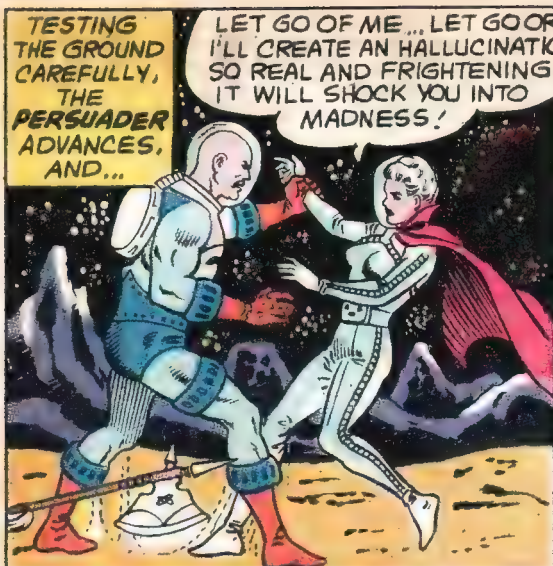
EEAA! GIANT GRIPPER VINES... MONSTROUS SPACE SERPENTS... ATTACKIN' ME!





CHAMPS AGAINST ODDS!





TESTING
THE GROUND
CAREFULLY,
THE
PERSUADER
ADVANCES,
AND...

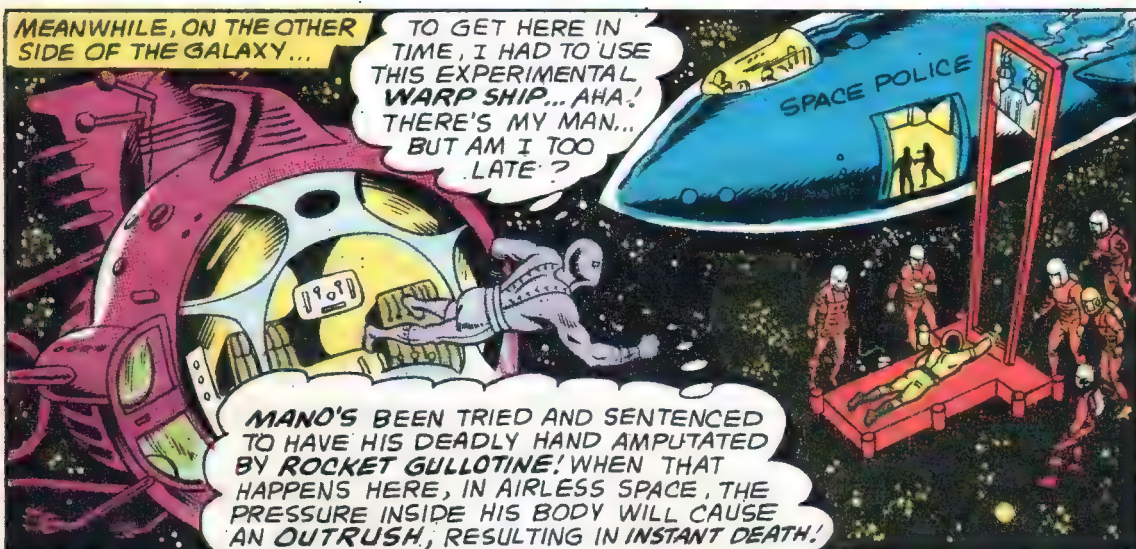
LET GO OF ME... LET GOOR
I'LL CREATE AN HALLUCINATION
SO REAL AND FRIGHTENING,
IT WILL SHOCK YOU INTO
MADNESS!



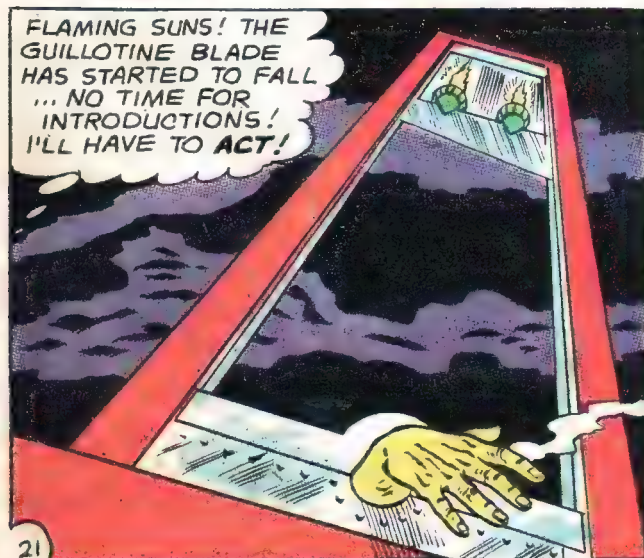
HA, HA! DON'T BOTHER
TRYING, LITTLE ONE! I'VE
DECIDED TO COME... TO TEST
MY POWER AGAINST THE
OTHERS YOU MENTIONED...
AND BECAUSE I LIKE YOU!

MEANWHILE, ON THE OTHER
SIDE OF THE GALAXY...

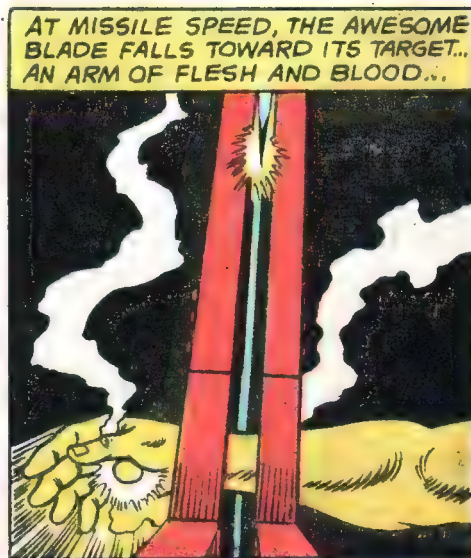
TO GET HERE IN
TIME, I HAD TO USE
THIS EXPERIMENTAL
WARP SHIP... AHA!
THERE'S MY MAN...
BUT AM I TOO
LATE?



MANO'S BEEN TRIED AND SENTENCED
TO HAVE HIS DEADLY HAND AMPUTATED
BY **ROCKET GUILLOTINE**! WHEN THAT
HAPPENS HERE, IN AIRLESS SPACE, THE
PRESSURE INSIDE HIS BODY WILL CAUSE
AN **OUTRUSH**, RESULTING IN INSTANT DEATH!

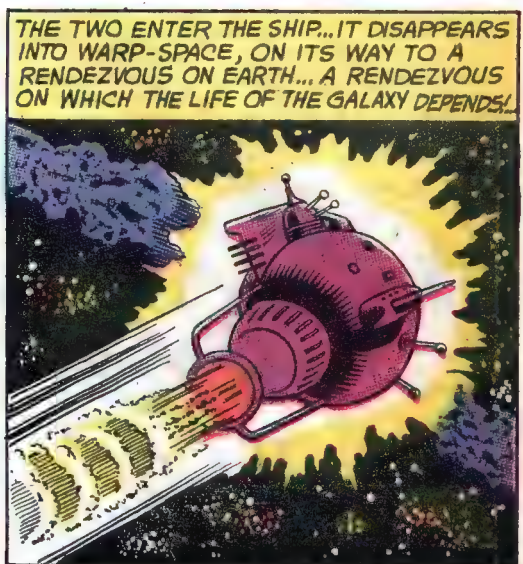
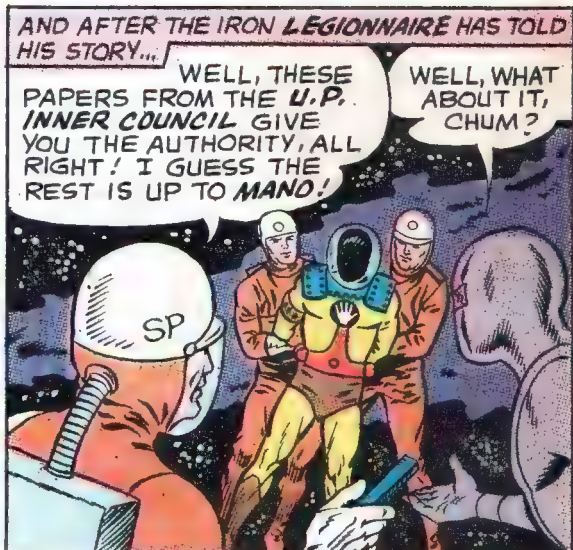
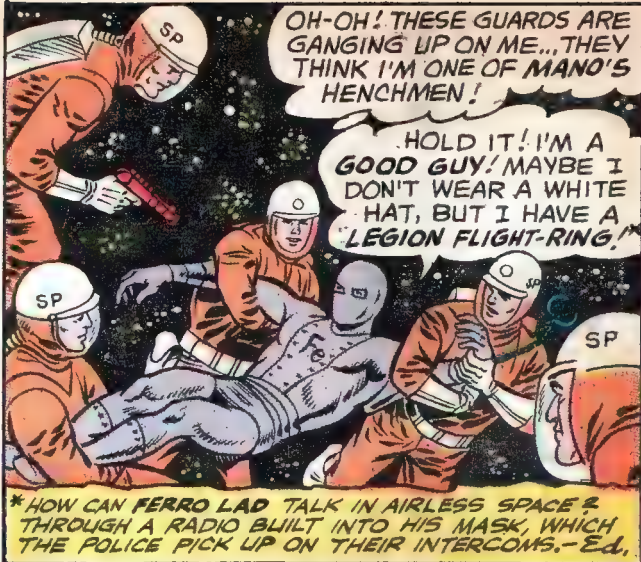
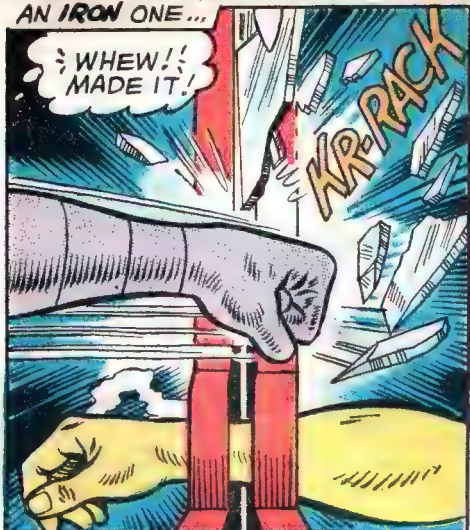


FLAMING SUNS! THE
GUILLOTINE BLADE
HAS STARTED TO FALL
... NO TIME FOR
INTRODUCTIONS!
I'LL HAVE TO **ACT**!



AT MISSILE SPEED, THE AWESOME
BLADE FALLS TOWARD ITS TARGET...
AN ARM OF FLESH AND BLOOD...

... BUT, INSTEAD, MEETS ANOTHER ARM...
AN **IRON** ONE ...

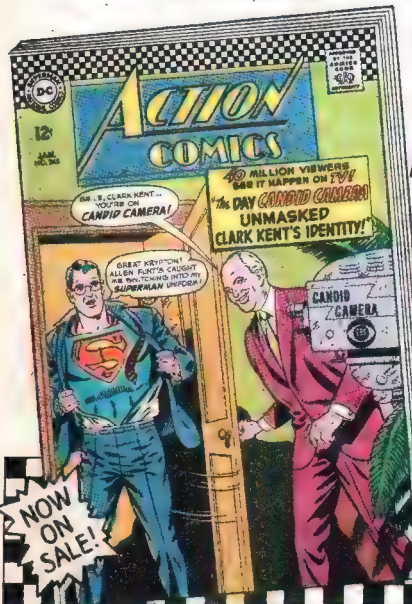


NEXT ISSUE

THE **LEGIONNAIRES**
AND THEIR EVIL ALLIES
FACE THE MOST
AWESOME, TERRIFYING
MENACE OF ALL TIME,
IN A TITANIC BATTLE
THAT ROCKS THE
UNIVERSE !!
DON'T MISS...
**"CONQUEST
OR
DEATH!"**

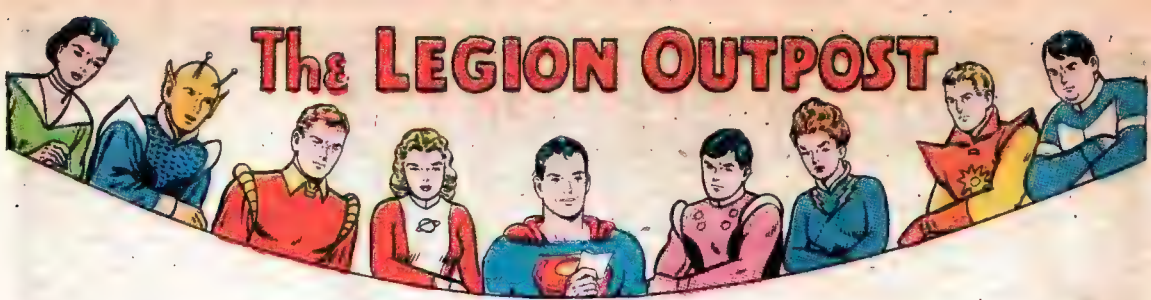


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For the
MOST
in
THRILLS...
**GO-
GO-
GO-**





Dear Editor: Popping planets! Every now and then, you folks at DC put out a real winner. I'm speaking, of course, of "The Rogue Legionnaire." I rate most stories on the interest I take in rereading them, and I can't put this one down! Congratulations are in order for James Shooter for giving us such a great science-fiction epic. Curt Swan's art was, as usual, *magnifico*. His portrayals of other eras showed he can draw the past with as much ease as the future. Universo was suitably dastardly, his plan to rid himself of the Legionnaires well conceived. His costume and that of his son were refreshing changes from the usual tights and breeches affairs so popular with the Legionnaires. (You could say I wish you'd burn those britches behind you.) The absence of Superboy proved that he needn't play nursemaid to the other Legionnaires. Time travel is an oft-used device; but I never tire of it. I'd like to see other Legionnaires in different time periods—perhaps Lightning Lad in Norseland, where he could be mistaken for Thor, or Sun Boy as Apollo in ancient Greece. The ending of the tale was rather tragic, and I hope to see a sequel soon. Finally, when are you going to tell us the origin of the Legion—how Rokk Krinn (Cosmic Boy), Garth Ranzz (Lightning Lad) and Imra Ardeen (Saturn Girl) met; how they decided to form the Legion; how other members joined them; the origins of their costumes and titles—*everything*? It would be the biggest hit of the year! —Leonard Rosenberg, Bronx, N.Y.

(We'll be getting around to it, Len. Meanwhile, you'll find a brief resume of the Legion's start in "The Origin of Cosmic Boy," which appears at the end of this column. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: What's happened to poor Princess Projectra? She doesn't have a boy friend. You'd better play Cupid for her before she starts having hallucinations. As for other romances I'd like to see developed, here are the other Legion gals and their beaux: Saturn Girl-Lightning Lad; Phantom Girl-Ultra Boy; Duo Damsel-Superboy; Shrinking Violet-Duplicate Boy; Supergirl-Brainiac 5; Light Lass-Lone Wolf; Dream Girl-Star Boy; Night Girl-Cosmic Boy. —Thomas Walsh, Arverne, N.Y.

(When a girl's as attractive as Princess P, you can bet plenty of guys and super-guys take notice—as we'll show in future issues! —Ed.)

Dear Editor: On one of our recent trips to the 20th century, we noticed that a magazine was being published about the exploits of the Legion of Super-Heroes. This came as quite a shock to us, since we didn't even dream the people of 1966 knew of our existence in the 30th century. Investigating further, we discovered that every story you've ever printed about us is an accurate account of an adventure the Legion has had! After discussing the matter with all our comrades, we have decided to make the entire

DC staff privileged Honorary Members, provided you keep up the good work. However, there is one thing we must know before we consider you "in"—how in the world do you obtain such detailed information about us? —The Legion of Super-Heroes (Connie Wagner, Harrison, N.J.)

(Why, from Superman, Supergirl and Jimmy Olsen, of course. Where else? —Ed.)

Dear Editor: On page 14 of your July issue, you introduce a "strange, evil face," which is obviously that of an Oriental person. It would appear that you are trying to instill prejudices in impressionable young people. One can hardly help noticing that most of your "Heroes" are White Anglo-Saxon-looking, and those that are not are difficult to associate with any human race of Earth. —Ronald Hieltala, Morris, Minn.

(We never intended to make this villain look Oriental; in fact, we changed his appearance in the next issue. You might say that the Oriental look was purely "Occidental." As we'll reveal in a future issue, one of our newest Legionnaires, Karate Kid, learned his stuff from an Oriental. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: "Universo—The Rogue Legionnaire" was a good, solid, soundly written story. What's more, it was, I hope, indicative of better things to come. (A fervent "Thank goodness!" for that!) The individual scenes with each Legionnaire battling a separate menace in five different times were the making of the story. The Legion has always seemed too big, too impersonal, for good characterization; but these scenes proved that with proper handling, even Saturn Girl can seem human! Even a rotating membership could not provide the human interest inherent in three pages of Brainiac 5 on his own. So, obviously, this kind of story *must* be used again. Perhaps a story that doesn't start off with everybody together could help to give solo action a boost. Or—something more drastic—how about a small solo story in the back of the book? I'm sure many Legion fans would just love seeing their favorites fighting menaces as "star of the show." —Irene Vartanoff, Bethesda, Md.

(We'll give it some thought—though, frankly, we personally feel there's more potential in integrating the solo action in the stories, as we did in "The Rogue Legionnaire"—and as we're doing in this issue. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: Why was Superboy in ADVENTURE No. 349? He played no part save making me guess incorrectly about who saved the other members. I know you want to sell a lot of comics, but why have Superboy dominate the Legion stories and covers (especially the latter)? Why not just let him have his own feature in the mag, so you can star him proportionately with the other members? Also, why wasn't Invisible Kid in the story? After all, he's the leader of the Legion. —David Lewin, Lomita, Calif.

(We'll try to keep our Valiant Vanisher in the limelight in most stories—though he's absent this go-round. As for Superboy, the mail we've received says the vast majority of readers want him on every cover, and they also want full-length Legion tales.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In the last eight months, you've made wise choices as to the changes in the format of ADVENTURE COMICS. First, you've given the job of drawing the Legion to Curt Swan. Although his backgrounds are, at times, empty-looking, he is superior to any other artist who has done the series. Your writing has improved greatly in recent months. Formerly, the stories had almost no emotional or personal reactions. The Legionnaires were like efficient machines—no personalities or traits to make them human; only their powers and appearance to make them different from each other. But this has changed. The Legionnaires were sad when they dismissed Star Boy, but they stuck to their duty and did it. Sun Boy watched Duo Damsel walk off with Superboy and didn't throw any childish fits of jealousy, though it was clear he liked her. These touches make them seem like people, rather than over-efficient hero types. Best of all, you've abolished the Hall of Fame Classics to allow for a fuller Legion story. As I finish this letter, I'd like you to know that I have never seen any comic improve so much, so quickly, as ADVENTURE. —James Haggennmiller, Jersey City, N.J.

(Thanks for spotting the results of our efforts—and appreciating them. But as Al Jolson used to say, "You ain't seen nothin' yet!" —Ed.)

Dear Editor: All the Legion members are basically the same. They all have two legs, two arms, and everything else that a person from Earth would have. I think you should get a few Legionnaires who are different from the others. —Eric Sarya, Hayward, Cal. (You're in for some surprises, Eric. We know something you don't know. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: I have been reading ADVENTURE for some time and never felt the urge to write. No. 347 supplied that motivation. "The Traitor's Triumph"

was a masterpiece. I have the first half of the story, and was naturally very excited when No. 347 hit the stands. Before I was halfway through, I knew I was going to write. So this is the result. The cover really attracted my attention. In the last issue, Karate Kid was the one to whom suspicion was directed, and this clinched it (although it was falsified a bit). Your originality in the "Kid" business was unmatched. Superboy's foiling of the spy-traitor was a real brainstorm. The singling out of the Legionnaires in their fight against the invasion was unique, even for DC. The artwork was superb. The various Legionnaires' expressions were shown expertly. Now, on to the letter column. I found several people writing in to point out mistakes. It seems to me they buy comics purely to look for mistakes and decide how best to heckle the editor with them. I approve of your candid retorts to these writers. But I can't understand why you give these flaw-finders so much of your valuable space. —Alan Eilers, Terre Haute, Ind.

(Maybe it's because we're gluttons for punishment. Besides, with loyal readers like yourself coming to our defense, perhaps it's true what they say—that "every knock is a boost!" —Ed.)

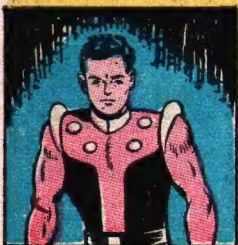
Dear Editor: The Legionnaires are great guys except for one thing. Whenever a new hero tries out and is rejected, the Super-Heroes say such things as, "Get out!" or "We don't want you here!" Instead, why couldn't they say nice things like, "We're sorry, but your power isn't exactly what we need right now?" They're never nice to any member who's not accepted. —Benjamin Weiser, Wynnewood, Pa.

(Your criticism is well taken. We'll have the Legionnaires brush up on their Emily Post and exhibit more courtesy and better manners in the future. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: What ever happened to the Lone Wolf Legionnaire? Once, in The Legion Outpost, you said you would bring him back, but you never did. —Bobby Pet, Baltimore, Md.

(We're working on an idea to return him, Bobby, but it's not quite finished yet. When it is, you'll see a blockbuster of a comeback that will make comic history! —Ed.)

KNOW YOUR LEGIONNAIRES



THE ORIGIN OF COSMIC BOY

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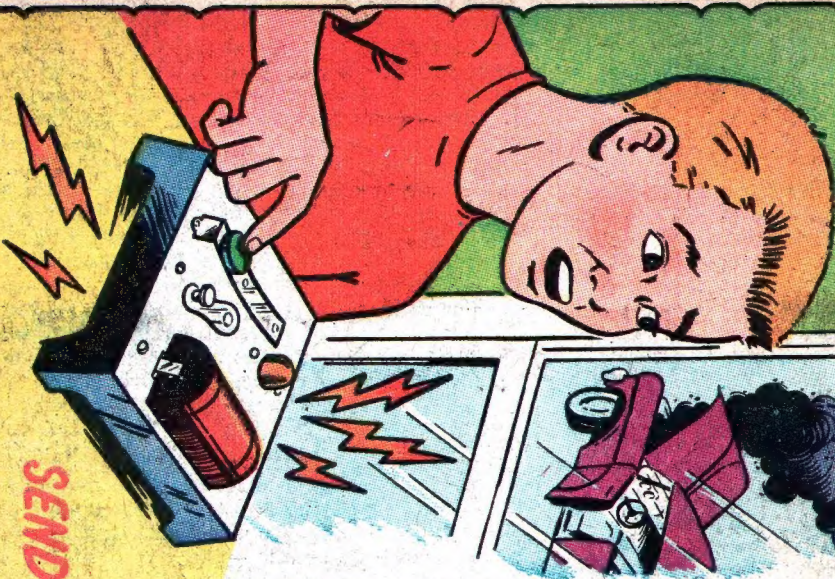
It was on this planet that Rokk Krinn, son of Hu and Ewa Krinn, was born. When he was in his teens, a financial depression struck the entire world of Braal. Times were hard and jobs were difficult to come by. Since the people of Braal consider a person grown at the age of 14, Rokk decided to do something to help his family. He figured his magnetic powers would be useful in some industry on the planet Earth—so that's where he headed.

It was just at this time that two other alien young people with super-powers chose to visit our world—Garth Ranzz and Imra Ardeen. Garth and Rokk met soon after they reached Earth and they roomed together. One day, they happened to be at the same place as Imra—and the three of them used their powers to save the life of the richest man in the universe. So impressed was he that he suggested they form a crime-fighting organization, which he would finance. This was perfect for Rokk, since their benefactor, Mr. Brandes, included ample money to support them and their families. The full story of the Legion's origin will be told in a future issue. Suffice it to add that Rokk, Garth and Imra became, respectively, Cosmic Boy, Lightning Lad and Saturn Girl, and they have since used their magnetic, electrical and ESP powers to battle evil throughout the universe.

Rokk brought his parents and his kid brother, Pol, to Earth, where the new Legion of Super-Heroes was headquartered. They live in a cottage in one of the suburbs of Metropolis. Oh, yes—Cosmic Boy became the first leader of the Legion. He has since been succeeded by Saturn Girl, Brainiac 5 and Invisible Kid.

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ANDY!

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MOVES HER ALONG. AND LOOK
AT THOSE CONTROL HANDLES...
AND THE RADAR SCREEN.



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18 FATHOMS,
SIR.

LOOK! LOOK! THE SEA SLED IS
GETTING CLOSE TO THE LOST FROG-
MAN! THERE HE IS TO STARBOARD
...TRAPPED BY A
SUNKEN HULK!



THE SEA SLED IS
GOING TO PIGGYBACK
HIM UP!

HANG ON...HERE THEY COME TO THE
SURFACE! ALL HANDS...ALL HANDS...
CLEAR THE DECK FOR RESCUE
OPERATION, PHASE TWO...



8 BELLS LATER!!!

HOW'S OUR INJURED
FROGMAN COMING
ALONG, GEORGE?

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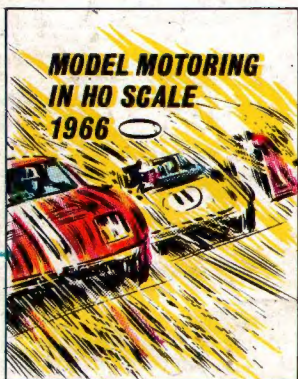


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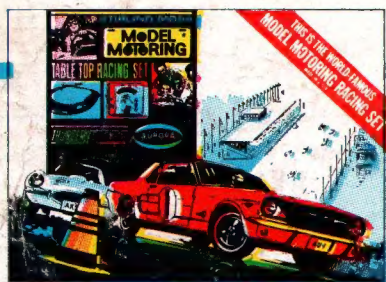
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